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MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

THREE FORKS

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

Bethel Baptist Church

Watauga Co., N. C.

August 27, 28, and 29

1901

The next session to be held with Flat Top Church, near Blowing Rock, N. C., to begin Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August, 1902. D. C. Harmon to preach the Introductory Sermon

PROCEEDINGS.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, WATAUGA CO., N. C., Tuesday, August 27, 1901.

The Three Forks Baptist Association met this day in its Sixty-first Annual ssion with Bethel Church.

After a servis of song conducted by E. F. Jones, J. M. Payne, the appointed to ach the introductory sermon, read from the 6th. chapter of John. After prayer announces as a text,- "Labor not for the meat which perisheth; but for that meat ich endureth unto everlasting life"-John 6;27.

The Mod. requests I. C. Miller of Stony Fork Association to preach in the grove r the church, at 1 o'clock P. M.

Benediction by T. M. Duncan of Ashe County Association.

After an intermission of one hour, the messengers assembled in the house.

W. Swift led in singing- "Have we come in the name of Jesus" etc. After which request of the Moderator the Association was led in prayer by L. A. Greene of tchell Co. Association. The Moderator delivered a short addres of welcome.

By request the letters from the different churches were presented.

The Moderator appointed R. M. Farthing to assist the Clerk in reading the letters. During the reading of the letters the Moderator requests David Greene to repair the pulpit in the grove to preach to the congregation there assembled.

Letters were received from 29 churches. The term of office of the present officers ving expired, E. F. Jones moved that the present incumbents W. S. Farthing, d. and Smith Hagaman, Clerk, be elected for the present session.

D. C. Harmon moved to extend an invitation to visitors and corespondents from ter associations. The following announced themselves:—

H. Greene, J. C. Blaylock, W. R. Prichard, S. A. Hughs and David Greene from itchell Co. Association. R. H. Pipes, T. C. Robbins from Stony Eork Association.

D. C. Harmon moved that the Mod. announce the usual committees.

The following were named; Baptist Orphanage—J. J. T. Reese and J. F. Eller; emperance—D. C. Harmon and John Crisp; Pastoral support—G. P. Sherrill and m. Elrod; Education—E. F. Jones and R. M. Farthing; Periodicals—David reene and Lewis W. Farthing; Foreign Missions—L. H. Greene and Solomon Yance; nday School—A. Roten and D. C. Wilson; Home Missions—J. F. Eller and C. S. rthing; Correspondents—Larkin Michael and L. W. Farthing; Resolutions—W. n and E. F. Jones; Finance—W. T. Vandike, W. W. Presnell and J. W. ; Digest of Letters—L. C. Wilson and L. H. Trivett; Ministers Relief—J. ylock and R. H. Pipes; Religious Exercise—pastor J. F. Eller, Lewis W. Far- J. L. Gryder and G. P. Sherrill.

J. F. Crisp moved to invite visitors from Watauga Association. also C. C. reene from Christian Co Association, Mo. to seats in this Association.

T. M. Duncan announces correspondent from Ashe Co. Association. Frank Dough- ty and J. C. Dugger visiters from Watauga Association.

C. S. Farthing moved to adopt the Order of Business of last session—being the inted Order for session of 1897. D. C. Harmon moved to adjourn to 8.30 to-mor- w morning and spend half an hour in Devotional Exercises.

The Moderator read the report of the Com. of Bethel church on hospitality.

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The Com on Religious Exercises submit the following partial report; L. H. Greene of Mitchell Co. Association to preach at 11 o'clock A M. to-morrow.

J. C. Blaylock of Mitchell Co. Association to preach at 2 P. M. J. W. Richardson of Watauga Association to follow.

The Association arose and sung "Am I a Soldier of the Cross" etc.

Benediction by S. A. Hughs.

WEDNESDAY, August 28.

——Morning Session.——

By request L. H. Greene of Mitchell Co. Association, conducted devotional exercises. After reading and commenting on the 23rd. Psalm led in prayer.

After spending half an hour in devotional exercise, the Mod. called the Association to order at 9 o'clock A. M.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Roll of messengers called and absentees stricken out.

J. W. Richardson announces himself as Correspondent from Watauga Association also I. C Miller from Stony Fork Association.

The following Brethren report having done the Associational Missionary work in the past year indicated:— C. S. Farthing supplied for Clark's Creek church during the year. J. F. Eller ten days at Meadows school house in Tennesee. J. H. Farthing some work here and there. D. C. Harmon some work.

C. S. Farthing requests the Ministers of the Association to give Clark's Creek church one appointment during the year.

R. M. Farthing read the following

Report on Education.

We your committee are pleased to report considerable progress in our public schools. We had thought that the demand for a higher grade of scholarship and lowering the saleries of the teachers would force our best teachers to enter other callings more rapidly than they used to do We find, however, that the people in the several districts are taking the matter up and are supplementing the saleries of their teachers and taking more interest than ever before, so that the next year's work bids fair to be the best we have ever done.

In the matter of high schools, we are pleased to inform our young people that while we have no distinctively Baptist schools, we have a goodly number of teachers at work in the high schools in our midst. We heartily recomend you to their care believing that both you and they will work faithfully for your preparation for the work to which God is calling you.

We note that in the history of all our States they think it necessary to have a safe-guard in the shape of Universities. We believe that our denominational institutions serve a better purpose in the advancement of Christ's Cause and for checking scepticism and higher Criticism and cordially recomend them to our people. We cordially recomend Wake Forest to young men seeking an education and urge them to go as soon as they are prepared.

We are also glad that we can recomend The Baptist Female University to young women seeking an education. We urge that our people give their daughters equal advantages with their sons.

E. F. Jones.
R. M. Farthing. } Committee.

Lewis W. Farthing moved to adopt the report.

E. F. Jones spoke with objection to present plans of higher education contrasted with the education of the masses. R. M. Farthing follows with reference to the report of general education. Report adopted.

The committee on Religious Exercises report that David Greene of Mitchell Co. Association will preach in the grove at 10 o'clock A. M.

R. M. Farthing read for the committee the following

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The chief point of note in the work of Home Missions now is that the responsibility of the work rests on the churches. The weight of the work was too much for one man, and F. H. Curfoot who had labored acceptedly in other departments of our work, and had been chosen to carry on this work fell just after the Convention, the life almost literally crushed by the great work he had undertaken.

We think our churches ought to work with increased energy for the great Work.

The reports of some churches seem to indicate that they only believe in Foreign Missions. It is supposed that they look upon the U. S. as a Christian Nation.

What Baptist ever acknowledged there was ever a Christian Nation?

To those who study the work carefully the need of some Western States for Mission work is as great if not greater than that of the heathen themselves.

For statistics and plans of work we refer you to the report of the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Respectfully Submitted,

J. F. Eller,
C. S. Farthing, } Committee.

E. F. Jones spoke to the report with especial reference of the needs of the Negro of the South. J. W. Farthing spoke further of our obligation to give the gospel to the Negros and Indians. J. C. Blaylock spoke of the needs of Cuba and Portorico. R. M. Farthing spoke of the opportunity of giving the gospel to the foreign fields by christianizing the foreign population in the U. S. that they may return to their native countries to give them the gospel.

Report adopted

E. F. Jones moved to adjourn to 1 o'clock P. M. to hear a sermon from L. H. Greene of Mitchell Co. Association.

After a song "Standing on the promises of God" etc. Bro. Greene announces his subject— Does it pay to serve God? Text- "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." Matt. 6;24.

EVENING SESSION, AUGUST 28.

Prayer by David Greene.

At the suggestion of J. F. Eller the roll of churches was called to give an opportunity to indicate the amount that the churches try to raise for Home Missions within the coming year.

Bethel $10. Beaver Dam 10. Beach Mountain 2. Boone 5. Brushy Fork 5. Cove Creek 3-for Jennie Edwards of Cuba. Cool Springs 2. clark's creek 1. Elk Valley 1. Fall creek 1. Forest Grove 5. Flat Top 2. Gap creek 1. Laurel Springs 3. Mt. calvary 2. Mt. Lebanon 1. Pleasant Grove 2. Pleasant Valley (N. C.) 1. Three Forks 3. Union 1. Zionville 3. Shulls Mills 1.

T. Neil Johnson of Raleigh, announces himself as a representative of the Sunday School work of the State and was welcomed to a seat in the Asso.

Solomon Yaunce read the following—

REPORT ON STATE NISSIONS.

The command,- Preach the Gospel to every creature, is binding upon each individual Christian. And in our beloved State there are large destitutions where the gospel is not preached. Notwithstanding over one hundred Missionaries sent out by the Board, we recommend that each church and individual Christian clear their conscience tword God in the matter either through the State Board or Gospel Mission plan.

Solomon Yaunce, L. H. Greene, } Committee.

T. Neil Johnson spoke to the report at some length.

Report on State missions adopted.

By permission called roll of churches to obtain names and addresses of some one in each church with whom the Sec'y of State missions may correspond.

R. H. Pipes submits the f llowing--

REPORT ON MINISTERS RELIEF.

God has sent his servants to labor in the Vineyard and those that have worn out their lives in His service here below should be fed, clothed and cared for by thoes where and for whom they have labored till God shall see fit in His eternal wisdom to lead them to living fountains in His eternal home prepared for all of His servants.

J. C. Blaylock, R. H. Pipes. } Committee.

E. F. Jones spoke to the report asking the churches to take at least one collection for this object at some time during the year.

R. M. Farthing and I. C. Miller added some remasks.

By motion of W. Y. Perry the above report is adopted.

R. M. Farthing moved to make the report on Sunday School a special order for first report in the morning. W. C. Coffey sends the following—

REPORT ON DEPOSIT RY AGENT.

The following is a statement of books and money on hand. The same having been turned over to me by David Greene Ex. Colporteur.

Cash on hand $39.66. Books on hand $16 23. Total $58.89.

I havn't bought nor sold any books. Your body will please appoint some other person to take charge of the cash and books.

Respectfully Submitted. W. C. Coffey.

The report is adopted.

D. C. Harmon moved to appoint a colporteur.

E. F Jones moved that D. R. Jones be appointed colporteur for the ensueing year. After remarks by Solomon Yaunce and David Greene, D. C. Harmon moved that a committee of two be appointed to confer with the colporteur and W. C. Coffey as to a proper discount necessary to make on books now on hand.

Committee, C. S. Farthing and David Greene.

J. W. Hodges of the committee submits the following—

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We your committee on finance beg leave to submit the following statement of funds for different objects received by us.

Minute fund	$28 26
Orphanage	11 80
Foreign Missions	11 33
Home Missions	3 09
State Missions	1 06
Old Ministers relief	2 70
Clarks Creek Church	.55

Total $59.34.

Respectfully Submitted.

W. T. Vandike,
W. W. Presnell,
Jno. W. Hodges. } Committee.

Report adopted.

C. S. Farthing submits the following—

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is third in the list of Christian virtues enjoined upon us by the apostle Peter-2nd. Peter 1-6, and abundantly taught in all the scriptures; but we lack words to describe the woe produced by the use of intoxicating drinks.

See the blasted hopes of the trusting wife, the beggary, and degredation of the sweet pledges of her love. Visit the prisons of our country and behold the woeful condition of the criminals and hear their sad story. And nine times out of ten it has all been produced by the folly of dramdrinking. The drunkards' drink bill is larger in the United States than that required for the necessaries of life.

We, therefore, advise all our churches to draw a strict line of disciplin and hold no member in fellowship who makes, sells, uses or in any way aids in the manufacture or selling the accursed stuff as a beverage.

We believe it to be our duty to withhold fellowship from any church that disregards the admonition of this report.

D. C. Harmon,
John Crisp, } Committee.

After considerable discussion by various brethren the report is adopted.

David Greene moved to adjourn to 8:30 to-morrow morning.

The committee on Religious exercises report.

W. J. Potter to open services to morrow at 10 A. M. T. M. Duncan to follow.

T. Neil Johnson to preach at 11 A. M. Prayer by I. C. Miller.

A song— "'Tis Religion that can give- Sweetest pleasures while we live" etc.

Benediction by J. C. Blaylock.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29th.

MORNING SESSION.

After a servis of song conducted by W. Swift, E. F. Jones read the 91st. Psalm. Prayer by J. C. Blaylock.

By request of E. F. Jones a number of the Brethren made short talks from topics suggested relative to our relationship to God; His love to us; Christian assurance etc.

By sequest, L. H. Greene led in prayer that we be enabled to love God more.

At 9:15 the Mod. called the association to order.

Minutes of yesterday read and corrected.

E. F. Jones moved that the special order—the repot on S. S. be taken up.

L. C. Wilson read the following—

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to submit the following;—

We find that there are within the bounds of the Association 32 Sunday Schools, many of which are ever-green schools. There are 178 officers and teachers; 1580 scholars, with an average attendance of 1149. The reports of the different churches show

a lively interest manifested by the Sunday School in Missions and the work of the Orphanage; this we think a commendable feature of the Sunday School work and should receive special attention. Respectfully Submitted,

A. Roten,
L. C. Wilson, } Committee.

T. Neil Johnson, representing the Baptist Sunday School work of the State spoke to the report and the general Sunday School, with especial referance to proper methods of teaching. Report adopted.

David Greene of the committee submits the following—

Report on Periodicals.

In these days of general education the greatest per cent of our young people can read. And there being so much cheap literature flooding the country that is not fit for mental food, it behooves us to look well to what our people read.

What a person reads becomes food for the mind and goes to form the character to a great extent. For the mind like the body grows by what it feeds upon, with the difference that the mind, more than the body, partakes of the nature of that upon which it feeds. It becomes very important, therefore, that a person read good literature.

It should be of a good sound uplifting character.

Baptist, we believe, have the purest and the noblest literature in the world, because they have the purest and noblest principles, which principles are founded on the New Testament. We think every Baptist especially should read Baptist literature so as to be posted in our principles, and thus be enabled to impart them to others.

We recommend the various publications of our Baptist people, and for information on our general work, the following; On Home Missions and state Missions,-Biblical Recorder; Foreign Missions,- Foreign Mission Journal & Helper; Orphanage,- Charity and Children; Temperance,- North Carolina Baptist.

David Greene,
Lewis W. Farthing, } Committee.

John Norris moved to adopt the above report. Remarks by D. C. Harmon. David Greene spoke of the kind of literature we ought to read, and its influence on our lives. R. M. Farthing added remarks relative to the Biblical Recorder. L. R. Jones spoke of influence of literature on his life. E. F. Jones spoke to the report. D. C. Harmon moved to amend the report by inserting the name of the "American Baptist Flag," published at Fulton, Ky.

R. M. Farthing spoke with objection to the amendment. D. C. Harmon spoke in favor of amendment. The motion to amend is carried. The report as amended adopted.

J. H. Farthing read the following.

Report on Foreign Missions.

Our Lord's mission in this world was one of labor and suffering. He came not to condemn a sinner but to help him and save him. He finished his work on earth and went home. Just as He was going back to His Father He gave the last loving command to his few chosen ones, then around him and through them to all his loved ones who were yet to be brought into his fold. This command spoken by our risen Lord, so full of tenderness, love, and power, was so plain we cannot fail to understand it.

How careful He was in uttering it that we should understand the extent of it.

First- "Go into all the world;" Then for fear there might be some dispute over the matter He says, "Teach all nations"- Then to make it more specific and binding if possible, He says in his own loving and tender way- "Preach the gospel to every creature."

Brethren, how hard His few children who heard that command tried to carry it out. They did the work well in their day and for their generation, so much so that Paul asked the question;- Have they not heard yes verely their sound went into all the earth and their words unto the ends of the world."

Shall we love His command less than they did? Shall we be less dutiful, less faithful to His last words, and to our generation than they were to theirs? The command has gone out; The nations are here without hope and without God.

Brethren, what shall we do? We can't help but fear that we have been looking too much to Boards, Conventions and all such like and have failed to see and feel that personal responsibility of every one who loves Him. to do all he or she can, just as though it all depends upon that one to carry out the Saviour's command or bring the Nations to Christ.

Oh for a more face to face and hand to hand work in our Zion.

Then, and not till then shall we feel and know the sweetness of that blessed promise, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

J. H. Farthing,
J. J. T. Reese, } Committee.

J. H. Farthing spoke of the individual responcibility of giving the gospel to those who have it not. E. F. Jones spoke of the great want of interest in the Mission work and the small amount contributed by the churches- asking that methods of Mission work shall not affect any interest in the great work of giving the gospel to the world. D. C. Harmon added some remarks.

At the suggestion of L. C. Wilson, the roll of churches was called that delegates may indicate an amount that their churches try to raise for Foreign Missions the coming year. The following indicated.-

Antioch $2. Bethel 10. Beaver Dam 25. Bethany 1. Beech Mountain 1. Boone 5. Brushy Fork 5. Cove Creek 10. Cool Springs 2. Elk Valley 2. Fall Creek 1. Forest Grove 10. Flat Top 3. Gap Creek 1. Howards Creek 1. Laurel Springs 3. Meat Camp 2. Mt. Calvary 2. Mt. Lebanon 1. Pleasant Grove 3. South Fork 1. Shulls Mills 1. Three Forks 10. Union 2. Zionville 15. Zion Hill 1.

G. P. Sherrill urges the Brethren to do more for the Mission cause, especially, that the pastors keep the matter more before the churches.

L. H. Greene continues remarks. After remarks by a number of Brethren, the report on Foreign Missions is adopted.

D. C. Harmon moved to adjourn to 1:20 P. M.

EVENING SESSION. August 26th.

After an intermission of one hour the Association reassembled.

Prayer by A. Roten. J. J. T. Reese read the following—

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

For 200years many of the indigent, fatherless and motherless children of our State had no permanent home. They were driven from place to place, naked and hungry and having no ability to provide for themselves, they naturally would fall in to all kinds of crime,- and often thought necessity.

Sixteen years ago the Baptist- the promoters of all great and noble undertakings for God and humanity, being loyal to that injunction which says "Blessed is he that considereth the poor,"- conceived the idea of building an Orphanage ot Thomasville.

About 200 children are annually being fed and clothed by these noble men and women. The Lord puts it in to the hearts of his servants, one after another whom he has bountifully blessed to make large donations to the Orphanage besides thousands of Baptist all over the State with smaller means are regularly dividing their liberality with their children.

As the existence of this institution depends upon the charity of the people there should be, as we hope has ever been the case, the strictest economy used, both in the salary of officers and teachers and in the food and clothing of these children, ever remembering that a great portion of these gifts come from the poorest of our brethren, and a reversal of this economy may lead God's spirit away from this charity. We would insist that every church in the Association take regular collections for this noble work and that the pastors keep it before their people.

J. F. Eller,
J. J. T. Reese. } Committee.

J. J. T. Reese spoke with reference to the report. E. F. Jones states that the average expense of feeding, clothing and educating the children at the Orphanage is about $4.50 each per month. J. H. Farthing added further remarks.

On motion of David Greene the above report is adopted.

Wm. Elrod of the committee submits the following—

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

We your committee on Pastoral Support beg leave to submit the following;- From the best information that we can obtain, we think that the churches are far below what they should be in supporting their pastors.

We would earnestly insist upon every church and every member to contribute more liberally to the support of their pastors. We would further advise that the churches adopt the plan of paying their pastors monthly.

Respectfully submitted,

G. P. Sherrill,
Wm. Elrod. } Committee.

Wm. Elrod spoke to the report G. P Sherrill spoke further on pastoral support. After short talks by different brethren the above report is adopted.

L. C. Wilson read the following—

DIGEST ON LETTERS.

We your committee on Digest of Letters beg leave to submit the following;

Received by baptism	100.	Minute fund	$ 26.66
Received by letter	60.	Pastors Salaries	767.00
Restored	20.	Value of church property	7710.00
Dismissed by letter	62.	Incidental expenses	102.19
Excluded	50.	Old Ministers' Relief	5.97
Died	18.	Poor	10.00
Net gain	49.	State Missions	14.04
No. male members	1088.	Home Missions	8.91
No. female members	1696	Foreign Missions	113.55
Total No. members	2784.	Orphanage	40.48
		Houses of Worship	366.48
		Total church expenses	1445.21

This report is for 28 churches.

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. Wilson,
L. H. Trivett, } Committee.

Report adopted.

Correspondents to visit Sister Associations last year, report as follows: Wm. Elrod visited Ashe Co. Association. D. C. Harmon visited Stony Fork Association. J. F. Eller visited Ashe Co Association. L. W. Farthing visited Ashe Co. Association. W. S. Farthing vesited Ashe Co. Association.

Lewis W. Farthing moved to receive the reports as satisfactory.

L. W. Farthing read the following—

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENTS.

We your committee on Correspondents beg leave to report the following brethren as Messengers to the different Associations viz.—

To Southern Baptist Convention—R. M. Farthing and B. B. Dougherty.
To State Convention—J. C Horton and W. C. Coffey.
To Brushy Mountain Association—J. J. L. Sherwood and E. F. Jones.
To Holsten Association—W. S. Farthing and J. H. Farthing.
To Mitchell Co. Association—Isaac McGinnis and John Norris.
To New River Association—David Greene and Solomon Greene.
To Ashe Co. Association—L. C. Wilson, L. M. Farthing and L. A. Wilson.
To Caldwell Association—J. J. L. Sherwood, D. C. Harmon and J. M. Payne.
To Watauga Association—J. F Eller and Solomon Yaunce.
To Stony Fork Association—C. S. Farthing, John Crisp and Wm. Elrod.

L. J. Michael,
L. W. Farthing, } Committee.

Report adopted.

The Clerk read the following—

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Moneys received at last Association	$57.81.	Paid out	
Moneys from preceding year	5.08.	To Clerk of Association	$ 7.50.
Received following amounts since last Association		" Edwards & Broughton	21.50.
		"J.D.Moore for Blalock	33.66.
Forest Grove church	10.73.	" Orphanage	6.68.
Pleasant Grove church	6.35.	" State Missions	4.02.
Brushy Fork church	3.18.	" Postage	.20.
		" Bethany church	.55.
Total	$83.15.	" Clarks Creek church	.55.
		Total	74.66.

Leaving in Treasurer $8.49.

T. P. Adams, Treasurer.

Report adopted.

C. S. Farthing moved to elect D. F. Horton Treasurer for ensueing year.

Levi W. Farthing moved that the next session of this Association be held with Flat Top church, begining on Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August 1902.

.C. Harmon to preach the Introductory sermon, with Solomon Yaunce, alternate.
. J. Norris moved to appoint the Clerk to superintend the printing of minutes.
D. C. Harmon moved to allow Clerk $7.50 for his servises.

W. L. Bryan submits the following—

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the Association tender their thanks to the brethren, sisrs and friends of this community for their kindness and hospitality manifesd to the delegates and visitors throughout this session of the Association.

W. L. Bryan. }
E. F. Jones, } Committee.

Lewis W. Farthing asked the brethren to consider some plans for protecting ıe Association against the trafic on the Association grounds.

Lewis W. Farthing suggest that the roll of churches be called that messenrs may indicate an amount that their churches try to raise for the Orphange the coming year.

The following designated;—

ntioch	$ 2.	Boone	$ 5.	Fall Creek	$ 1.	Meat Camp	$ 2.
ethel	10.	Brushy Fork	2.	Forest Grove	2.	Mt. Calvary	2.
eaver Dam	5.	Cove Creek	2.	Flat Top	1.	Mt. Gillead	2.
ethany	1.	Cool Springs	1.	Haward Creek	2.	Pleasant Grove	3.
each Mountain	1.	Elk Valley	1.	Laurel Springs	2.	" Valley	1.
						South Fork	1.

L. W. Farthing moved to appoint a committee to visit Pleasant Valley, Tenn. ascertain the reason why they fail to represent in the Association.

Committee;— L. W. Farthing and L. C. Wilson.

After remarks by the moderator, asking that the brethren earnestly pray for old time revival of religion in the Association; by request of the moderator . C. Harmon conducted the closing exercises. Prayer by John Crisp.

After remarks by Bro. Harmon, engaged in singing- "Lord revive us." etc.

The messengers extended to each other the parting hand.

Benediction by C. S. Farthing.

W. S. Farthing, Moderator,

Smith Hagaman, Clerk.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

W. S. Farthing, Moderator, Hattie, N. C. Smith Hagaman, Clerk, Sweet Water, N. C.
D. F. Horton, Treas., Vilas, N. C. L. R. Jones, Colporter, Reese, N. C.
J. C. Horton, Historian, Boone, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Asa Brown	Riverside, N. C.	S. T. Carroll	Virgil, N. C.	W. M. Cannon	Dark Ridge, N. C.
John Crisp	Norris; ,,	J. F. Eller	Sweetwater, ,,	J. H. Farthing	Hattie, ,,
C. S. Farthing	Hattie, ,,	R. M. Farthing	Hattie, ,,	S. L. Fox	Vilas, ,,
David Greene	Norris, ,,	Solomon Greene	Virgil, ,,	J. G. Hagaman	Sweetwater, ,,
D. C. Harmon	Sugar Grove ,,	A. J. Harmon	Harmon, ,,	J. Harmon	Sugar Grove, ,,
J. C. Johnson	Reese, ,,	L. J. McGinnis	Banner Elk ,,	W. H. Michael	Sutherland, ,,
E. F. Jones	Zionville, ,,	John Norris	Sweetwater ,,	R. L. Palmer	Leander, ,,
J. M. Payne	Blowing Rock ,,	J. J. L. Sherwood	Yerger, ,,	W J. Potter	Elk Park, ,,
J. W. Trivett	Dark Ridge ,,	L. A. Wilson	Sutherland ,,	L. C. Wilson	Hattie, ,,
Wm. Wilcoxen	Todd, ,,	Solomon Yaunce	Norris, Tenn.		

UNORDAINED MINISTERS.

Jacob Greene,	Dark Ridge, N. C.	Wiseman Greene,	Vilas, N. C.	E. G. Harmon,	Harmon, N. C.
S. J. Jackson,	Sutherland, ,,	G. W. McGinnis,	Vilas, ,,	J. P. Hagaman,	Hagaman, ,,
D. M. Letheo,	Reese. ,,	James Robinson,	Reese, ,,	T. J. Tugman,	Norris, ,,
Willie Foster,	Blowing Rock, N. C.	L. W. Farthing,	Watauga Falls, N. C.		

ROLL OF MESSENGERS.

Antioch— L. W. Farthing, R. L. Greer and John Ward.
Bethel— Lewis W. Farthing, J. L Gryder and W. S. Farthing.
Beaver Dam— J. J. T. Reese, G. P. Sherrill and W. Swift.
Bethany— L. J. Michael, J. F. Triplett and W. W. Bass.
Beech Mt.— G. W. McGuire, J. D. York and J. R. Greene.
Boone— W. L. Bryan.
Brushy Fork— J. C. Hodges and W. W. Presnell.
Cove Creek— D. F. Horton, J. J. Gleun and W. Y. Perry.
Cool Springs— T. L. C. Hartley.
Clarks Creek— G. W. Byrd and H. M. Byrd.
Elk Valley— A. E. Norman, J. R. Triplet and H. L. Laurance.
Fall creek— J. R. Gryder, Joel Evans.
Forest Grove— Smith Hagaman, W. H. Eller and B. C. Hagaman.
Flat Top— Wm. Elrod.
Gap Creek— Jerry Watson.
Howards Creek— E. J. Norris and James Cornell.
Laurel Springs— Solomon Greene and Thomas Greer.
Meat camp— T. A. Greene and D. L. Greene.
Mt. Calvary— J. C. Blair and B. F. Patterson.
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Mt. Lebanon— L. H. Trivett.
Pleasant Grove— J. H. Mast, Andrew Greer and Larkin Pennell.
Pleasant Valley(N.C.)— David Hicks.
South Fork— J. Q. Wilson.
Shulls Mills— J. C. Shull.
Three Forks— John W. Hodges and W. T. Vandike.
Union— Solomon Yaunce and G. C. Greer.
Zion Hill— E. G. Harmon and A. J. Harmon.
Zionville— A. Roten. Henry Grogan, M. W. Eller.

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Antioch.		4	40	2.00				2	265	
Bethel	Lewis W. Farthing, W. R. Gambill, S. W. & Le	12	131	10·66			5.64			
Beaver Dam	G. P. Sherrill, Reese, N. C.	8	70	4.40	50	43				
Bethany	W. W. Bass, Mattney, ,,	5	35	1.50	59					
Beech Mountain	G. W McGuire, Dark Ridge, ,,	6	45	1.10	30					
Boone	D. D. Dougherty, Boone, ,,	4	30	3.25	45		9.00			1.50
Brushy Fork	Finley Moody, Vilas, ,,			4.58			1.44			
Cove Creek	W. Y. Perry, Yerger, ,,	10	87	54						
Cool Springs	Lee Cook, Blowing Rock, ,,	5	30	1.00	40					
Clarks Creek	G. W. Rowe, Valley Crucis, ,,	6	48	1.70						
Elk Valley	A. E. Norman, Hale, ,,	5	40	90						
Fall Creek	L. M. Hodges, Dark Ridge, ,,	3	30							
Forest Grove	Smith Hagaman, Sweet Water, ,,	7	78	3.00	40					
Gap Creek	A. R. Yates, Stony Fork, ,,	6	113	2 17	117					
Howards Creek	Newton Barnes, Sands, ,,	6	53	65						
Laurel Springs	Solomon Greene, Virgil, ,,	6	100	3.18	140			10		
Meat Camp	T. J. Tugman, ,,	6	46	50	17					
Mt. Calvary	B. F. Patterson, Banner's Elk. ,,	12	97	7.04	172		2.27			
Mt. Gillead	G W. Phillips, Beech Creek, G W. Yaunce Nor. Teh	11	60	4.40	45					
Mt. Lebanon	Paul E. Herman Hagaman, N. C.	5	42	1.32						
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Mast, Mast, ,,	12	100	6.60	260			5		
Pleasantvalley N. C.	W. J. Potter, Elk Park, ,,	5	65	1.35	50					
South Fork	Q. E. Duncan, Todd. ,,	11	62	4.45	18					
Three Forks	C. J. Cottrell, Deer Field, ,,	7	51	1.60	65					
Union	Solomon Yaunce, Zionville, ,,	7	103	2.00	48	30				
Zionville	George Roten, Trade, Tenn.	9	85	10.00	75					
Zion Hill	A. J. Harmon, Leander, ,,	6	45	95	45					
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PROCEEDINGS.

FLAT TOP BAPTIST CHURCH,
Watauga Co., Aug. 26, 1902.

The Three Forks Baptist Association met this day in its sixty-second annual session with Flat Top Church.

After a service of song conducted by Geo. Roten, by request C. S. Farthing read the 103rd Psalm, and prayer by W. R. Gwaltney.

After a song, "It is better father on," D. C. Harmon, who was appointed at last Association to preach the Introductory Sermon, announced as a text, "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God," Heb. 4:9.

Bro. Harmon addressed himself, first, as to who are the people of God; second, as to the labor necessarily preceding rest; third, as to the rest remaining.

After the sermon the Moderator announced that after an intermission of one hour the Association would convene in the house.

Benediction by John Crisp.

The Association assembled at 1:30 p. m. After singing, by request of the Moderator, the Association was led in prayer by Dean Crisp, of Caldwell Association.

Letters from all the churches were presented.

By request of the Moderator W. R. Gwaltney repaired to the pulpit in the grove to preach to the congregation there assembled.

J. C. Horton was requested to aid the Clerk in reading the church letters.

The term of office of the present officers having expired J. W. Holsclaw moved that the present encumbents, W. S. Farthing Moderator, Smith Hagaman Clerk, be re-elected.

Wm. Elrod moved to invite correspondents from sister Associations and visitors representing Baptist interests, to seats in the Association. The following announced themselves: Dean Crisp, from Caldwell Association; I. C. Miller, T. L. Day, and R. H. Piper, from Stoney Fork Association; Archibald Johnson, from Baptist Orphanage, of Thomasville, N. C.

John Crisp moved that the chair announce the usual committees:

Baptist Orphanage—J. H. Farthing, Archibald Johnson.
Temperance—Solmon Yance, J. C. Miller.
Pastoral Support—I. N. Copening, Lewis W. Farthing.
Education—D. D. Daugherty, W. M. Francum.
Periodicals—J. M. Payne, L. C. Wilson.
Foreign Missions—E. F. Jones, D. C. Harmon.
Sunday Schools—I. W. Thomas, R. H. Pipes.
Home Missions—J. J. L. Sherwood, Dean Crisp.
Correspondents—C. S. Farthing, J. C. Horton.
Resolutions—A. Roten, L. W. Farthing.
Finance—John Sherill, Wm. Elrod.
Digest of Letters—Larkin Trevett, Geo. Roten, Isaac Green.
Minister's Relief—J. F. Eller, John Norris.
Religious Exercises—Pastor and Messengers of Flat Top Church.
State Missions—L. A. Green, J. G. Pulliam.

Lewis W. Farthing moved that the Order of Business for last year be adopted, being the printed order for session of 1897.

J. G. Pulliam announces himself a visitor from Caldwell County Association. Calvin Tucker from South Fork Associrtion.

Wm. Elrod of the committee on Religious Exer-

cises announces that Dean Crisp will preach at 11 o'clock a. m., and I. W. Thomas to follow.

Wm. Elrod moved to adjourn till 9 o'clock tomorrow morning and spend half hour in devotional exercises.

Prayer by J. H. Farthing. Wm. Elrod announces homes of entertainment for the messengers during the Association. The second Doxology was led by Solomon Yance. Benediction by I. C. Miller.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Devotional exercises were conducted by J. J. L. Sherwood. After reading a part of the 34th Psalm the brethren were requested to quote precious promises from the Bible. Many responded.

At 9:30 a. m. the Moderator in the chair. Minutes of yesterday read and approved. The roll of messengers was called and names of absentees stricken off. A motion prevailed to hear the report on Education, and W. M. Francum read the following report:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We, your committee, are pleased to report the greatest educational awakening that has ever been in the history of our State. Our public schoels are better than ever before and we are glad to say that a brighter day, we believe, is dawning, for the public school teachers.

The public schools reach the masses of the people and we believe that the happiness, prosperity and grandeure of our beloved old North State depend upon the intelligence of the masses of the people.

In oriential countries great care was taken in the training of rulers and potentates. In this country of ours when every man is a king, so to speak, every one ought to be trained by all the processes of mental development for the exercise of his royal franchise.

We heartily recommend Boone High School to the brethren of the Three Forks Association as a school of high grade and worthy of patronage. We cordially recommend Wake Forest College to young men seeking a higher education and urge them to go as soon as prepared. We are also glad that we can recommend the Baptist University to young ladies seeking a higher education. We urge that our brethreu give their daughters an equal chance in the race of life with their sons.

Respectfully submmitted,

D. D. DAUGHERTY,
W. M. FRANCUM,
Committee.

D. D. Daugherty addressed the Association on the above report, pointing out some of the evidences of an educated man.

The time having arrived for preaching in the grove the Association engaged in singing, while those of the congregation who wished to hear preaching passed out of the house. E. F. Jones spoke of some of the difficulties of reaching the masses by our educational institutions. R. M. Farthing spoke to the report. J. G. Pulliam spoke of the effects of real education, also of the dangerous tendency toward materialism in our higher institutions, which we must guard against in all our education. Archibald Johnson spoke with reference to Wake Forest college. J. J. L. Sherwood added some remarks.

The report was adopted.

Wm. Elrod announced that Alex Wilson will preach in the grove at 1 o'clock p. m.; J. G. Pulliam to follow.

On motion the Association adjourned till 7 o'clock p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Prayer by Lee Fox. L. C. Wilson read the following report on Periodicals:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

One has truly said, "A man is known by the company he keeps, whether it be of books or men." And especially is this true of his reading. There is nothing that contributes more to shaping the lives of men than the power and influence of the pen. Through all the ages of the past it has been the rival power with the sword for weal or for woe. And in no age of the world has it wielded such an influence over the world, and over the hearts and lives of men as to-day.

Secretly and silently is she moving forward upon the nations of the earth with an irresistable force for good or for bad. And do we realize to-day the influence that literature is having upon the hearts and lives of our people? At no age of the world has there ever been a greater responsibility which rests up the people as rests upon our people to-day, to give to the world that pure, sound and wholesome mental and spiritual food for which it suffers. And while there is so much such literature within reach of every home, so cheap, even almost without price, no parent can afford to withhold from their children this great blessing that God has placed within their reach. There are so many valuable books and papers that we might call your attention to that the task seems to be too great. And we can only entreat our people to ask God to help them in making a wise selection from the great mase of reading matter, and to select that that will give them inspiration, and that will give them spiritual strength in the battles of life against sin in all of its forms, and that which will be wholesome for their children, and that an inspiration may come to all of the homes of our people, and that our lives may be consecrated to the services of our blessed Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Payne,
L. C. Wilson,
Committee.

Bro. Wilson spoke to the report in general. J. H. Farthing moved to amend the report by heartily recommending the Biblical Recorder, North Carolina Baptist and Charity and Children.

Archibald Johnson spoke with reference to the Orphanage paper. J. H. Farthing spoke further fo the report. D. D. Daugherty and E. F. Jones added some remarks. The report as amended was adopted.

Archibald Johnson read the following report on the Orphanage.

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

Two hundred and thirteen children are now under the care of our Orphanage. Forty little boys will be added to this number as soon as the building now in process of erection by Bro. J. A. Durham, of Charlotte, is completed. It is hoped this house will be opened by November 1st. It is a memorial to Mrs. Elizabeth Durham, the mother of the builder, and will be one of the most convenient houses at the Orphanage.

The buildings at the institution are worth about $40,000. There are now six cottages which contain from twenty-five to forty children. The J. A. Durham house will be the seventh.

A farm adjoining the grounds has been very helpful to the Orphanage, not only because of the revenue it affords but because of the opportunity it offers to the boys. The Mills Memorial Shop is also a valuable addition to our Orphanage work. Charity and Children was never so prosperous, having a circulation of 7,000 subscribers. It pays a yearly dividend into the treasury of a $1,000. The economy with which the Orphanage is run is a striking feature of the work, and has always been. Four dollars and seventy-five cents a month supports an orphan. This includes all the running expenses of the institution, paying the salaries of all the employees and other necessary expenses.

Some handsome bequests have been left the Orphanage, but very little money from this source has yet come into the treasury; and by the time it is realized more than enough additional children will have been admitted to consume every dollar of interest, leaving upon the churches the same, if not a greater burden, than they are now bearing.

We would urge the churches to enlarge their contributions to meet the growing needs of the work, and recommend to our Sunday Schools the plan of taking a monthly collection for this object. This helps the Orphanage, but is a greater help to the Sunday Schools, for "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Respectfully submitted,

ARCHIBALD JOHNSON,
J. H. FARTHING,
Committee.

Bro. Johnson spoke at length to the above report. He said that there are a thousand orphan children in our State uncared for. J. H. Farth-

ing continued the discussion on the report. J. C. Miller and E. S. Farthing also spoke briefly. The speeches and remarks of all who spoke on the subject were earnest and convincing.

The report was adopted.

A collection for the Orphanage was taken in the grove amounting to $1.40. The collection in the church for the same object amounted to $4.10.

L. C. Wilson of the committee to visit Pleasant Valley church, of Tennessee, presented the following report:

To the Three Forks Association, Greeting:

We, your committee, appointed to investigate the condition and standing of the church at Pleasant Valley, Tenn., and ascertain the cause for her not representing in your body, beg leave to submit that after investigation we find no organization; and further, after obtaining the best information would suggest that you would be justifiable in dropping her name from the roll of churches.

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. Farthing,
L. C. Wilson,
Committee.

J. J. L. Sherwood moved to carry out the advice of the committee as set forth in the above report.

J. G. Pulliam read the following report on State Missions:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The State Mission work as prosecuted by the Board of Missions of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina is divided into three departments. First, Eastern N. C., where the work is that of supplying destitution in preaching the gospel and establishing churches. In that section several whole counties have only one or two Baptist churches to each county. The destitution is great and the needs many.

Second, Middle N. C., where the problem is that of supplying the gospel to the fast increasing factory population.

Third, the Western part of the State, where the work undertaken by the Board is mostly educational. The Board is making annual appropriations to a number of schools in the Western section, and keeps a man in the field, constantly looking after this department of work. Gratifying progress has been made during the past year in all three departments. The Board has appropriated for the carrying forward of this work during the Conventional year $25,000.

Respectfully submitted,
J. G. PULLIAM,
L. A. GREEN,
L. A. WILSON,
Committee.

R. M. Farthing makes some remarks as to the kind of work being done by the State Mission Board.

Archibald Johnson continues with some remarks on the same line, with the explanation that no moneys collected purely for State Missions are used for schools.

J. C. Horton and others spoke briefly to the report, after which it was adopted.

The roll of churches was called that messengers might indicate the amount their respective churches would try to raise for State Missions for next year. The following amounts were indicated:

Bethel $10.00, Bethany $2.00, Brushy Fork $1.00, Forest Grove $2.00, Laurel Springs $5.00, Mt. Calvary $2.00, Three Forks $5.00, Zionville $5.00, Boone, $5.00, Wm. Elrod $1.00.

The committee on Devotional Exercises report that J. F. Eller will preach on to-morrow at 10 o'clock a. m., E. F. Jones to follow.

Prayer by A Roten. After the second doxology, benediction by John Norris. Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY—Morning Session.

After singing, by request of the Moderator, John Crisp read the 51st Psalm. E. F. Jones led in prayer.

After some remarks by Bro. Crisp, J. H. Farthing led in prayer.

The Moderator in the chair at 9:30. Minutes of yesterday read and approved. Wm. Elrod moved to limit first speeches on all subjects to fifteen minutes, all other to five minutes.

Dean Crisp read the following report on Home Missions:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We your committee on Home Missions beg leave to submit the following: We would recommend that all the churches composing this Association contribute to the support of Home Missions. We mean by Home Missions the spread of the Gospel in the destitute bounds of the Southern States, cities and towns, among the colored population, and the Island of Cuba. We have some noble missionaries at work in those destitutions, among whom are Bro. R. Y. Blaylock, in the West, and Sister Jennie Edwards in Cuba, who are dependent upon the voluntary contributions of the churches for a support, and it is the sense of this committee that we should rally to their support.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. L. Sherwood,
E. D. Crisp,
Committee.

After a few remarks by Bro. Crisp the above report was adopted.

John Norris read the following report on Ministers' Relief.

REPORT ON MINISTERS RELIEF.

This board is located in Durham, N. C. Rev. W. C. Tyree is president and Rev. J. F. McDuffey is secretary of the board. They work without salary, and the contributions to the worthy work goes directly for the relief of our aged and infirm ministers.

A blessed work has been done towards relieving the burdens of poverty and keeping the wolf of hunger from the door of many faithful men of God worn out in the Master's service. Many a widow's heart has sung for joy because of the pittance offered by this means to feed the children of deceased preachers of the Gospel. No one is largely aided by the board. Five dollars per month is about the maximum amount sent to any one family. But this small sum has been a blessing that has brightened the declining days of several worthy servants of the Lord. Some 33½ percent of all contributions from the churches is invested in a permanent fund the interest of which is used immediately, the remaining two-thirds goes directly to the use of relief of men aided by the board; in this way some three thousand dollars has been accumulated. We commend this work to all our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Eller,
John Norris,
Committee.

Bro. Norris spoke to the report in general. On motion the report is adopted.

Solomon Yance offered the following report on Temperance:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE:

Temperance is third in the list of christian virtues enjoined upon us by the Apostle Peter—II Peter—1:16, and abundantly taught in the scriptures; but we lack words to describe the woes produced by the use of intoxicating drinks. See the blasted hopes of the trusting wife, the beggary and degradation of the sweet pledges of her love.

Visit the prisons of our country and behold the woful condition of the criminals and hear their sad story, and nine times out of ten it has been produced by the folly of dram drinking. The drunkards' bill in the United States is larger than that required for the necessaries of life.

We therefore advise all our churches to draw a strict line of discipline and hold no member in fellow ship who makes, sells or in any way aids in the manufacture or selling of the accursed stuff.

We believe it to be our duty to withhold fellowship from any church that disregards the admonition of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Solomon Yance,
S. C. Miller,
Committee.

Lewis W. Frathing moved to adopt the above report.

Bro. Yance yields his time to John Crisp for first speech. Bro. Crisp spoke briefly to the report urging total abstinence. Bro. Yance continued with same argument.

E. F. Jones insists that christian people ought to look carefully to the enforcement of the law against the traffic. J. J. L. Sherwood spoke of our time being a harvest of the seed sowing of intemperance in the years past. L. C. Wilson spoke briefly to the report. A. Roten, Wm. Elrod, R. M. Farthing, J. H. Farthing, and others spoke strongly of plans for removing the curse from our land. J. G. Pulliam spoke of an increasing tendency toward intemperance among the females. After considerable further discussion the report is adopted. By request George Roten led in singing a temperance song—the association standing.

J. H. Frathing read the following report of the Colportuer:

REPORT OF COLPORTUER.

Cash		$ 39 66
Books		16 23
Total		$ 55 89
Books on hand	$ 31 00	
Cash on hand	24 89	
Total	$ 55 89	
Amount of books bought		$ 59 50
Amount of books sold		44 73

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. JONES, Colportuer.

The report was adopted. A motion prevailed that L. R. Jones be continued as Colportuer for the ensuing year.

William Elrod read the following report on Finance:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your committee on Finance, beg to submit the following:

For Minute Fund	$ 32 39
For Orphanage	20 98
For Foreign Missions	23 53
For Home Missions	9 25
For State Missions	3 53
Total	$ 89 68

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ELROD,
JONH SHERRILL,
Committee.

Report was adopted.

On motion the Association adjourned for one honr.

EVENING SESSION.

John McBride submitted the following report on Sunday Schools.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We your committee on Sunday Schools beg lief to call attention to two needs of the Sunday School:

1 The necessity of making the Sunday School more interesting in every way possible.

2 The necessity of all the church members' engaging in the work.

We have every reason to rejoice in the S. S. and call especial attention to the large number of baptisms which came from the S. S. as reported in the letters from the churches.

Respectfully submitted,
R. H. PIPES,
JOHN MCBRYDE,
Committee.

Bro. McBride spoke briefly as to the baptisms reported by the churches from the Sunday School.

Report adopted.

E. F. Jones submits the report on Foreign Missions.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Christ said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, and he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." We believe that he meant the command for us who live now as well as for those to whom he was speaking, and that he meant it for all who love the Lord Jesus Christ till he comes again. Go," He says, "and lo, I am with you." He is with his servents who carry the gospel both at home and in the foreign fields.

This promise, "Lo, I am with you" is not to those who carry merchandise or to those who go to build schools or railroads but only to those who carry the Gospel. The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation, but nothing else is; not even a christian education or training in literary schools. Christ said to preach the gospel, not anything else. It is known that the Baptists in the Southern states have missionaries in China, Japan, Africa and Mexico, but it is evident to every one that has studied the situation that we are playing only at mission. We give liberally to contribute to our own pleasures and even to attend our annual meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention and State Convention, but how sparingly we give to our missions. We deeply sympathize with our Bro. Blalock and wife in China in the death of their dear child. May the Lord, whom they love, and are trying to obey, sustain them in their sole bereavement. Let us of the Three Forks Association be more liberal in our contribution to Bro. Blalock. They toil on without a murmur though they have only a meager support. There is a great call for money for missions, but there is not money enough to fill the demand. It is possible that we are emphasizing the money side of missions too much, and do not emphasize the spiritual side enough. Let all the members of all our churches give to missions. If we do not wish to send the money direct to the missions send it to the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, Va.

Respectfully Submitted,

E. F. JONES,
D. C. HARMON,
Committee.

E. F. Jones spoke to the report, especially as to how close the Foreign Mission work aught to be to every Christian.

D. C. Harmon answers some objections thatare sometimes raised against the Foreign Mission work. The report was adopted.

Lewis W. Farthing presented the following report on Pastoral Support:

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT:

We the committee on pastoral support, submit the following.

We know that the churches should pay their pastors more than they do for serving them so faithfully.

We further believe that the fault is in the deacons not obeying the apostles in the sixth chapter of the Acts aud they should urge and teach their members to support their pastors that they might give themselves wholly to the study of the Word that they may be the better enabled to preach the word in its purity.

Respectfully Submitted,

I. N. Copening,
Lewis W. Farthing,
committee.

E. F. Jones spoke to the report. The report was adopted.

L. M. Trivitt submits the following report on Digest of Letters:

REPORT ON DIGEST OF LETTERS.

Received by Baptism	280
Received by Letter	63
Restored	34
Dismissed by Letter	68
Excluded	30
Died	21
Net gain	261
Number of male members	1171
Number of Females members	1778
Minute Fund	$ 26 94
Pastors' Salaries, twen'y-six churches	962 53
Value of Church Property, twenty-three churches	9,125 00
Incidental Expenses	46 35
Poor	23 30

State Missions	16 00
Home Missions	65 20
Foreign Missions	136 72
Orphanage	70 56
Other objects	178 81
Building and repairs	492 50
Total church expenses	2,032 71
Sunday School expenses	36 16
Churches not reporting Pastor's salary	5
Church property not reported	8

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. TRIVETT,
GEO. ROTEN,
ISAAC GREER,
Committee.

Report adopted.

Brethren appointed by last Association to visit sister Associations reported as follows: C. S. Farthing visited Stony Fork Association, L. W. Farthing, Ashe County Association; John Crisp and Wm. Elrod, Stony Fork Association; John Norris, Ashe County Association; E. F. Jones, Watauga Association. Reports were received as satisfactory.

John McBride read the following report of the Treasurer:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Moneys received at last Association		$ 56 71
Recieved since Association from ex-Treasurer		8 50
From Forest Grove church, Gospel Missions		10 57
From Forest Grove church, Home Missions		5 00
From Pleasant Grove church, Gospel Missions		6 72
From Pleasant Grove church, Orphanage		2 58
From Zionville church, Old Ministers' Relief		2 70
Paid out since Association:		
To Clerk of Association	$ 7 50	
To J. D. Moore for Gospel Missions, Blalock	24 73	
For printing minutes	20 75	
To Orphanage	14 38	
To State Missions	1 06	
To Old Ministers' Relief	2 70	

To Home Missions	3 09	
To Foreign Missions, by Board	2 15	
To postage	15	
To Clarks Creek church	55	
To Bethany church	55	
Leaving in Treasury		$ 15 17

Respectfully submitted,
D. F. HORTON, Treasurer.

Report adopted.

J. J. L. Sherwood moved that the Treasurer be instructed to send the surplus moneys in his hands, not otherwise disposed of, to T. L. Blalock, in China:

J. J. L. Sherwood moved to continue D. F. Horton as Treasurer for the ensuing year.

L. W. Farthing moved that next session of the Association be held with Zion Hill church Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August, 1903. Solomon Younce to preach the Introductory Sermon, and E. F. Jones to be his alternate.

A motion prevailed that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes of the Association, and that he be allowed $7.50 for his services.

J. C. Horton submits the following report on Correspondents.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENTS.

The Committee on Correspondents respectfully recommends the following appointments:

To Southern Baptist Convention—E. F. Jones, W. C. Caffey and R. M. Farthing. To State Convention—W. S. Farthing and B. B. Daugherty. To Brushy Mountain Association—R. M. Farthing and Solomon Greene. To Holston Association—J. H. Farthing and Smith Hagaman. To Mitchell County Association—L. W. Farthing, I. N. Copening, Solomon Younce. To New River Association—John Norris and L. A. Wilson. To Ashe County Association—L. C. Wilson, David Greene, J. F. Eller. To Caldwell Association—Lewis W. Farthing, L. C. Wilson, J.

J. L. Sherwood. To Watauga Association—Wm. Cannon, E. F. Jones, W. S. Farthing. To Stoney Fork Association—Asa Brown, J. M. Payne, J. F. Eller.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. FARTHING,
J. C. HORTON,
Committee.

Report adopted.

A. Roten read the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, 1. That this Association tender its thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of the community for their kindness and hospitality as manifested to the messengers and visitors through this session of this Association.

2. That we tender our thanks to the Boone and Blowing Rock Turnpike Company for throwing open their gates for free travel over their beautiful road during this Association.

3. In view of the certain heretical doctrines reported to be held among some of the member of the faculty of Wake Forest College, therefore, be it resolved, that it is the sense of this Association that men holding views not in accordance with the teachings of the Scriptures as commonly held by Baptists chould not be employed as instructors in our college.

Whereas there has been some trouble about "Divine healing" in one of our churches, be it resolved, that we as an Association do heartily endorse the action of Beaver Dam church in dealing with and excluding J. C. Johnson for his pretended acts of healing and his total disregard of the church's expressed will.

Lewis W. Farthing moved to adopt the above resolutions.

J. J. L. Sherwood moved that the correspondents to Ashe County Association be instructed to notify said Association that if J. C. Johnson has been received and is held as a member of a church of that Association that if they fail or refuse to deal with said church that we will drop correspondence with that Association. And further, that L. C. Wilson is hereby appointed a committee to notify Ashe County Association of this action, should the correspondent to said Association fail to attend next session.

J. C. Horton moved that the Association appoint an Executive Committee of five for the ensuing year, who shall have supervision of all the business pertaining to the work of the Association.

It shall be the duty of this committee to report to the Association destitute localities or other needs within the bounds of the Association deserving attention as associational mission work, and recommend such action as may be deemed necessary and to adopt and suggest ways to raise the necessary means to prosecute such work as may be taken in hand, also to look after the judicious expenditure of the funds that may be appropriated for this work, subject to the approval of the Association. The following were appointed as an Executive Committee: W. C. Coffey, J. C. Horton, A. Roten, John McBride and Smith Hagaman.

E. F. Jones moved that J. C. Horton be continued as Historian for the ensuing year.

A motion to adjourn prevailed. By request of the Moderator John Crisp conducted the closing exercises. J. J. L. Sherwood led in earnest prayer, while the Association engaged in singing "How firm a foundation," etc., the messengers extended to each other the parting hand.

Benediction by J. J. L. Sherwood.

W. S. Farthing,
Moderator.

Smith Hagerman,
Clerk.

ROLL OF MESSENGERS.

Antioch—L. W. Farthing, E. M. Greer.
Bethel—Lewis W. Farthing, Carral Green, W. S. Farthing.
Beaver Dam—W. J. Hagaman, John Sherrill, Lee Swift.
Beathany—L. J. Michael, J. F. Triplet.
Beech Mountain—G. W. McGuire, John York.
Boone—W. C. Coffey, D. D. Daugherty.
Brushy Fork—J. W. Holsclaw, L. M. Trivett, J. H. Presnell.
Cove Creek—John McBride, D. F. Horton.
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Three Forks—J. C. Horton.
Union—Charlie Roten, G. C. Greer.
Zionville—A. Roten, Isaac Greer, George Roten.
Zion Hill—A. J. Harmon, Jr., J. G. Trivett, Hardy Hagaman.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS & POST OFFICES.	Ordained Ministers.	ADDED.			LOST.			MEMBERSHIP.			Time of Preaching.	Value of Church Property.	Seating Capacity.
				Baptized.	Letter.	Rec'd.	Excluded.	Letter.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.			
Antioch	J. J. L Sherwood	John Ward, Watauga Falls N. C	---	---	---	---	---	6	---	72	77	149	2nd		
Bethel	J. F. Eller	W. S. Farthing, Sweet Water	6	24	7	1	---	7	3	72	105	177	4th	$ 500 00	350
Beaver Dam	J. H. Farthing	Lee Swift, Reese	---	11	---	1	1	1	2	36	65	101	2nd	400 00	250
Bethany	L. C. Wilson	H. M. Bumgarner, Matney	---	12	4	2	2	---	2	16	23	39	1st	500 00	200
Beech Mount	Solomon Yaunce	L. W. McGuire, Dark Ridge	1	7	3	2	1	---	---	60	85	145	1st	---	---
Boone	E. F. Jones	W. L. Bryan, Boone	---	---	2	---	---	---	---	6	13	19	3rd	500 00	300
Brushy Fork	David Greene	J. H. Presnell, Hagaman	3	12	7	2	2	3	---	89	112	201	2nd	500 00	500
Cove Creek	W. H. Hicks	W. M. Sherwood, Amantha	2	1	1	---	---	1	3	53	83	136	3rd	1000 00	500
Cool Springs	J. M. Payne	T. L. C. Hartley, Blowing Rock	1	8	---	---	---	2	---	36	45	81	2nd	200 00	200
Clarks Creek	C. S. Farthing	G. W. Fow, Vallecrucis	---	6	---	1	---	---	---	12	23	35	4th	150 00	200
Elk Knob	A. W. Osborn	J. M. South, Sutherland	2	10	---	2	1	---	---	30	47	77	4th	300 00	240
Elk Vailey	Solomon Yaunce	A. M. Johnson, Hale	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	20	37	57	4th	---	---
Fall Creek	G. W. Trivett	J. R. Gryder, Dark Ridge	1	1	4	---	1	7	---	14	15	29	2nd	---	---
Farest Grove	J. F. Eller	Smith Hagaman, Forest	2	13	---	1	4	3	1	35	64	99	3rd	500 00	300
Flat Top	C. S. Farthing	Wm. Elrod, Blooming Rock	---	1	7	---	---	4	1	12	63	75	1st	100 00	200
Gap Creek	P. H. Haire	A. J. Wellborn, Stony Fork	---	3	1	---	---	2	---	21	36	57	1st	400 00	300
Howards Creek	David Greene	E. J. Norris, Sands	---	---	---	---	---	4	1	20	40	60	3rd	---	---
Laurel Springs	L. C. Wilson	Z. T. Watson, Rutherwood	3	8	5	2	---	---	2	71	119	190	4th	800 00	450
Meat Camp	L. A. Wilson	L. A. Green, Norris	1	15	8	4	2	2	1	48	96	144	4th	250 00	300
Mount Calvery	J. J. L. Sherwood	J. C. Blair, Banner Elk	---	1	2	---	1	5	---	27	41	68	3rd	---	---
Mount Gilead	Solomon Yannce	J. W. Meadows, Norris, Tenn	2	5	2	2	5	3	---	41	47	88	2nd	100 00	300
Mount Lebanon	S. L. Fox	L. H. Trivett, Hagaman	1	---	2	---	2	1	---	19	24	43	1st	325 00	---
Pleasant Grove	David Greene	E. H. Perry, Silverstone	---	30	2	---	3	3	1	66	120	186	4th	300 00	350
Pleasant Valley	W. M. Cannon	J. H. Evans, Elk Park	---	8	5	---	1	2	---	23	61	84	4th	200 00	200
South Fork	David Greene	I. E. Duncan, Todd	1	13	2	1	---	---	---	47	57	104	1st	800 00	400
Shull's Mills	J. M. Payne	J. C. Shull, shulls Mills	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	10	12	22	3rd	400 00	600
Sampson	C. M. Mikel	S. E. Harrison, Penley	1	---	---	---	---	---	1	31	32	63	---	---	---
Three Forks	E. F. Jones	W. T. Vandyke, Deer Field	---	5	3	2	---	12	---	55	76	131	2nd	500 00	400
Union	L. A. Wilson	G. C. Greer, Zionsville	---	28	5	3	---	3	3	56	83	139	1st	---	---
Zionsville	E. F. Jones	D. L. Jenkins, Trade, Tenn	1	59	---	2	4	13	---	80	111	191	4th	800 00	500
Zion Hill	A. J. Harmon	A. J. Harmon, Jr., Trivett	1	---	---	4	1	3	---	20	37	57	3rd	200 00	300

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.	No. Officers and Teachers.	Number of Scholars.	School Expenses.	Number of Quarterlies & Papers.	Volumns in Library.	Contibuted to Orphanage.	Baptisms from School.
Antioch	W. J. Farthing, Watauga Falls	2	50	$ 2 00	40		$	
Bethel	L. W. Farthing, Sweet Water, H. H. Farthing, Hattie, N. C.	13	135	13 64	118	131	6 77	19
Beaver Dam	G. P. Sherrill, Reese	7	79	4 00	50	43		7
Bethany	J. L. Triplet, Matney	5	52	3 72	30			9
Beech Mt	J. W. Trivett, Dark Ridge	5	25					
Boone	D. D. Daugherty, Boone	4	30	12 78	50		4 00	
Brushy Fork	J. E. Hayse, Hagaman	7	79	8 00	82			
Cove Creek	Jno. McBryde, Sugar Grove	11	84	10 00	87		1 58	
Cool Springs	J. M. Elrod, Blowing Rock	5	41	1 41	124			
Clark's Creek	G. W, Byrd, Vallecrucis	5	30	1 50	35			2
Elk Valley	A. E. Norman and J. J. Mast, Hale	7	40	2 25				
Fall Creek	Loyd Hodges, Hale	7	40	65	28			
Forest Grove	W H. Ellis, Forest	6	70	2 50	25			8
Gap Creek	A. R. Yates, Hopkins	5	96	1 64	35			
Howards Creek	L. L. Critcher, Sands	7	58					
Laurel Springs	Solomon Greene, Virgil	4	100	3 40	52			
Meat Camp	C. R. Norris, Soda Hill	17	117		85			
Mount Calvary	B. F. Patterson, Banner Elk	6	60	3 00	65			
Mount Gilead	G. W. Yance, Beech Creek	10	65	7 00	70			
Mount Lebanon	J. D. Danner, Hogaman	5	61	2 40	111			
Pleasant Grove	C. C. Adams, Silver Stone	7	66	4 75	35			20
Pleasant Valley	F. P. Guinn, Elk Park	6	40	2 00	40			
South Fork	W. N. Howell, Brook Side	7	60	2 00	50			
Sampson		7	49	48				
Three Fork	C. J. Cottrell and C. C. Pennell, Deer Field	15	77	1 60	80			
Union	G. C. Green, Zionville	8	70	4 90	60			
Zionville	Geo. Roten, Trade Tenn	9	90	5 60	75			25
Zion Hilll	A. J. Harmon, Trivett	5	35		35			

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary,	Incidental Expenses.	Poor.	Minute Fund.	Repairs.	Other Objects.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministers' Relief.	Total.
Antioch	$ 25 90	$	$	$ 1 25	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 27 15
Bethel	53 07	6 75		2 25	2 50	20 75	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00		125 32
Beaver Dam	65 00	3 20		1 12		9 46	2 20	33 82	25 41	7 29		147 50
Bethany	25 00	3 00		75	350 00							378 00
Beech Mountain	15 50			80					1 01	2 40		19 71
Boone	50 00			1 00	40 00		5 00		5 00	5 00		106 00
Brushy Fork	37 00	7 40	10 00	1 75		36 75			4 30	2 90	13 45	111 55
Cove Creek	100 00		6 30	1 00	27 80			3 00	12 90			151 01
Cool Springs	16 00			1 40				1 00	1 00	1 00		20 40
Clark's Creek				50	5 00							5 50
Elk Knob	6 55			75								7 30
Elk Valley	20 00			1 00	125 00					2 43		148 43
Fall Creek	23 50			80				1 00	1 00	1 00		27 30
Forest Grove	32 16			96			75	5 00	10 55	3 10		52 52
Flat Top				1 00					36			1 36
Gap Creek				75			1 00	1 00	71			3 41
Howard's Creek				75								75
Laurel Springs	85 50			1 29	10 00	26 70		3 25	5 25	4 76		136 75
Meat Camp	42 98			1 50					2 30	2 00		48 45
Mount Calvary				1 00		5 50		1 00	2 00	4 00		13 50
Mount Gilead	27 50			70		2 00			1 00	2 00		33 20
Mount Lebanon	17 16	3 00		75	23 00					1 00		44 91
Pleasant Grove	34 50	13 00	5 00	1 00	25 00				5 00	2 58		86 08
Pleasant Valley	16 25			1 00				1 00		1 00		19 25
South Fork	23 75			1 18	165 00				1 17	2 75		193 85
Shulls Mills	5 55			35								5 90
Sampson				75								75
Three Forks	87 00	10 00		2 00		12 00			20 71	2 40		134 11
Union	46 77			1 30	6 30	37 40		1 00	2 04			94 81
Zionville	45 00			1 22		67 00			25 00	2 70		140 92
Zion Hill			2 00	50					1 00			3 50

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Sixty-third Anniversary

OF THE

THREE FORKS

Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Zion Hill Baptist Church

Watauga County, N. C.

August 25, 26 and 27

1903.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

W. S. Farthing, Moderator ..... Hattie, N. C.
Smith Hagaman, Clerk ..... Forest, N. C.
D. F. Horton, Treasurer ..... Vilas, N. C.
L. R. Jones, Colporteur ..... Reese, N. C.
J. C. Horton, Historian ..... Boone, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

W. S. Farthing, J. C. Horton,
Smith Hagaman, W. C. Coffey,
John McBride.

MEMBER OF STATE MISSION BOARD.

W. S. Farthing.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

(The following Post Offices are in North Carolina unless otherwise marked.)

James Bradshaw, Penley.
Asa Brown, Riverside.
John Crisp, Norris.
C. S. Farthing, Hattie.
David Greene, Norris.
D. C. Harmon, Gordon.
J. M. Payne, Blowing Rock.
A. C. Sherwood, ———.
S. W. King, Banner Elk.
G. W. Trivett, Watauga Falls.
I. J. McGinnis, Banner Elk.
John Norris, Sweetwater.
J. J. L. Sherwood, Yerger.
L. A. Wilson, Sutherland.
W. M. Cannon, Dark Ridge.
J. H. Farthing, Hattie.
J. W. Trivett, Dark Ridge.
Wm. Wilcoxen, Todd.
S. T. Carrol, Virgil.
J. F. Eller, Sweetwater.
R. M. Farthing, Hattie.
Solomon Greene, Virgil.
A. J. Harmon, Trivett.
S. L. Fox, Vilas.
J. G. Hagaman, Forest.
J. M. Harmon, Sugar Grove.
W. H. Michael, Sutherland.
L. C. Wilson, Hattie.
David Greene, Whaley.
Solomon Younce, Norris, Tenn.

PROCEEDINGS.

ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH,
August 25th, 1903.

The Three Forks Baptist Association met this day in its sixty-third annual session, in the meet-house of Zion Hill Church. A series of songs was conducted by George Roten, while the congregation was assembling.

Solomon Younce, who was appointed by the last Association to preach the introductory sermon, read the 4th chapter of Romans. By request, W. Swift led in prayer. After a song, "'Twill be Glorious By-and-By," Bro. Younce announced as a text, 2nd Cor. 3:3, "For as much as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistles of Christ, etc.," using the whole verse.

Bro. Younce argues, first, The total depravity of unregenerate human nature. Second, The force of a Christian life as a letter from Christ.

At the conclusion of the sermon the congregation united in singing, "God is Love."

Benediction by S. W. King.

The Moderator announced that at the expiration of one hour the messengers would reassemin the house for organization; and also that the pastor of Zion Hill Church would appoint some one to preach at that hour in the grove near by.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association assembled to the singing of, "We are nearing that sweet home," led by W. Swift.

The Association was led in prayer by J. H.

Farthing, who prayed earnestly for the presence of the Holy Spirit during the session.

It was announced that W. J. Potter will preach at this hour in the grove near by.

By request of the Moderator, letters were presented from all the churches comprising the Association, and were read by John Sherrill and R. M. Farthing.

The time of office of the present officers of the Association having expired, I. C. Miller and D. B. Baker were appointed to collect and compare the ballots for Moderator and Clerk, and report the result. While the votes were being counted, the Association engaged in singing.

The brethren reported the present officers—W. S. Farthing, Moderator, and Smith Hagaman, Clerk—re-elected.

D. C. Harmon moved to extend an invitation to newly organized churches and churches from sister Associations wishing to unite with this, to present their requests.

Petitionary letters were presented from Flat Springs and Blowing Rock, newly constituted churches, asking for membership in this body. After their letters were read, on motion they were received, and their messengers were given the right hand of fellowship by the Moderator.

A motion prevailed to hear a letter from W. R. Gwaltney, of Hickory, N. C., concerning the Blowing Rock Church—asking for aid, etc., for same.

Lewis W. Farthing moved to invite visiting brethren and correspondents from sister Associations.

The following named brethren announced themselves: I. C. Miller, from Stony Fork Associa-

tion; D. B. Baker and W. J. Potter, from Watauga Association.

John Crisp moved that the Moderator announce the usual committees. The following announced:

Baptist Orphanage—Solomon Younce, H. H. Farthing.
Temperance—D. C. Harmon, C. S. Farthing.
Pastoral Support—C. J. Cottrel, Z T. Watson.
Education—R. M. Farthing, T. P. Adams.
Periodicals—L. C. Wilson, John Crisp.
Foreign Mission—J. H. Farthing, J. M. Payne.
Sunday Schools—E. J. Norris, A Roten.
Home Missions—David Greene, D. B. Baker.
Correspondents—John Ward, John Brown.
Resolutions—J. F. Eller, J. J. L. Sherwood, John McBride.
Finance—J. L. Hayse, L. M. Trivett.
Digest of Letters—Wm. Elrod, John Sherrill.
Ministers' Relief—G. W. Robins, J. C. Chapel
Religious Exercises—Pastor and Messengers of Zion Hill Church.
State Missions—S. W. King, Isaac McGinnis, Livingston Johnson.

A motion prevailed that the Order of Business for last year—the printed order for session of 1897—be adopted.

Lewis W. Farthing moved that the Order be so changed as to hear the report on Pastoral Support immediately after noon to-morrow.

The Committee on Temperance was requested to make their report.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is third in the list of Christian virtues enjoined upon us by the Apostle Peter—II Peter—1:19, and abundantly taught in the Scriptures; but we lack words to describe the woes produced by the use of intoxicating drinks. See the blasted hopes of the trusting wife, the beggary and degradation of the sweet pledges of her love.

Visit the prisons of our country and behold the woeful conditions of the criminals and hear their sad story, and nine times out of ten it has been produced by the folly of dram drinking. The drunkards' bill in the United States is larger than that required for the necessaries of life.

We, therefore, advise all our churches to draw a strict line of

discipline and hold no member in fellowship who makes, sells or in any way aids in the manufacture or selling of the accursed stuff as a beverage.

We believe it to be our duty to withhold fellowship from any church that disregards the admonition of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

D C. HARMON,
C. S. FARTHING,
Committee.

D. C. Harmon spoke to the report—spoke of the great advancement of the cause of temperance that he has observed during his life, both in church and state, closing with an appeal for renewed effort and energy in the cause of temperance.

C. S. Fathing, G. W. Robins, A. Roten, L. C. Wilson, John Crisp, John McBride and others spoke with reference to the following amendment offered by L. C. Wilson: Or any one who will use it as a beverage, or in any way encourage the use of the same, and casts his influence for intemperance among our people.

The amendment offered was adopted.

I. C. Miller spoke to the report as amended; also, Solomon Younce spoke further, reading some statistics on the matter; others added remarks. All the speakers spoke with interest and enthusiasm,

The report, as amended, was adopted.

A motion prevailed to adjourn until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning and spend half hour in devotional exercises.

The Moderator read a report of a Committee on Hospitality of Zion Hill Church.

Prayer by George Roten.

A song, "'Tis Religion that Can Give," etc.

Benediction by J. M. Payne.

SECOND DAY.

Devotional exercises were conducted by David Greene, Sr.

W. Swift led in singing, after which brother Greene read the 51st Psalm.

Prayer by Solomon Younce.

After further reading and prayers the brethren were requested to quote from memory precious promises from the Bible. Many responded.

Prayer by J. J. L. Sherwood.

The Moderator in the chair soon after 9:30.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

An opportunity being given for correspondents to announce themselves, Livingston Johnson, Corresponding Secretery State Mission Board, and J. S. Farmer, representing the Biblical Recorder, were welcomed to seats.

The roll of messengers called and absentees stricken out.

Solomon Younce moved that the Association request the churches of the Association to meet on the 5th Sunday in November next to pray and work for the cause of temperance.

The Committee on Religious Exercises report that Isaac Miller will preach in the grove at 11 a. m.; David Greene at 2 p. m.

Livingston Johnson read the following report:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions is the base of all our work; on it largely depends all the others. Much of our strength as a denomination is to be attributed to the work of State Missions. Many of our strongest churches were once aided by the State Mission Board. There is yet much distribution in the State. There are whole counties with only one Baptist preacher to the county, and one whole county with not a Baptist preacher within its bounds. These sections will never be able to supply their own destitution, and unless they receive aid from without, the Baptists can never

gain a footing in these places. The Board is trying as fast as it can to build up the waste places in our beloved State.

S. W. KING,
I. J. MCGINNIS,
Committee.

Bro. Johnson spoke to the report, explaining the work of the State Mission Board, embracing his remarks under the heads of Organization and System, closing with a request for the prayers of the brethren in his behalf.

J. C. Horton added some remarks, and the above report was adopted.

L. C. Wilson moved that the messengers indicate an amouut that their churches try to raise for State Missions for the ensuing year.

The following reported:

Antioch	$ 1 00	Mt. Gillead	$1 00
Bethel	10 00	South Fork	1 00
Bethany	1 00	Shulls Mills	1 00
Cove Creek	2 50	Sampson	1 00
Laurel Springs	5 00	Three Forks	5 00
Mt. Calvary	2 00		

R. M. Farthing read the following report:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Education, beg leave to submit the following report: We are glad that the time is fast coming when there will be no need to argue the need of education in our bounds. Our Association has never had to confront the problem of denominational education, and does not have to mourn the decay of the denominational schools; but the need of religious instruction for our youth to meet the spirit of materialism and infidelity of the age is as pressing now as before the establishment of the denominational school which was intended to supply it. As we see it now this need must be supplied in the Three Forks Association by making a knowledge of religion so strong and attractive in home, Sunday School and church that our young people will be influenced by it throughout their lives. One thing we insist upon, that our girls should have an equal chance with our boys to get an education, and also to teach in our schools. We believe that with an equal chance they would do as well, if not better, than the boys. We wish also to lay upon the hearts of the Baptists of our county the work already begun for the es-

tablishment of a training school in our midst. We believe that it is the duty of every man to give of his means for the establishment of educational institutions, and that is a part of his duty as a steward of our Master.

R. M. FARTHING,
T. P. ADAMS,
Committee.

R. M. Farthing proceeded to discuss the report, especially with regard to the needs of education.

After further remarks by different brethren, J. J. L. Sherwood suggests that a Baptist Association has no connection with a State institution, and moved to strike out that part of the report referring to the Training School to be established at Boone, N. C., and substitute: We advise the members of our churches, as citizens, to contribute to the Training School.

The report on education, as amended, was adopted.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing, and prayer by Livingston Johnson, Wm. Lee, from Stony Fork Association, representing the Blue Ridge Baptist, was welcomed to a seat in the Association.

Z. T. Watson, from the committee, read the following report:

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

We, your Committee on Pastoral Support, submit the following: We do not consider any question of a more vast and stupendous importance than the question of preaching the Gospel to every creature. It stands paramount to every other question. What are churches doing for their pastors? Do they consider what they give a charitable donation, or a debt justly due for labor performed? How can the churches expect their pastors to work hard upon their farms and support themselves and families by the hard hand of toil, and at the same time acquire sufficient information from the Bible to successfully face "the world, the flesh and the devil." The physician must have a sufficient compensation for prescribing remedies and caring for the sick body;

but the faithful preacher who carries a message of infinite importance to a lost soul is expected to labor and to wait, without any compensation.

The churches should awake to a sense of their Christian duty and firmly stand by their pastors in their struggles for the salvation of souls. We firmly believe a church that will not defend its defender, and protect its protector, is a disgrace to the map of the world. For the preachers alone without the aid and support of the churches cannot be expected to arrest the great Niagara of souls pouring over an eternal precipice of ignorance and ruin.

We, therefore, most sincerely and prayerfully urge this great question of pastoral support upon the churches of the Three Forks Association. We hope the day is not far distant when each individual member shall feel it his unbounded duty to do more for his pastor than ever before, so that the falthful pastor may better qualify himself for his sacred duty that the Lord has placed upon him in order to carry a message of love and peace to a lost world.

We further advise a more systematic method among our churches in support of their pastors; and that this great work be done by a united and concert of action on the part of the membership of all our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. COTTRELL,
Z. T. WATSON,
Committee.

C. C. Cottrell spoke briefly to the report.

By request, I. C. Miller spoke, urging the brethren of the different churches to become better acquainted with their pastor's needs.

W. J. Potter argued that every member ought to give to the support of his pastor that he may feel that he has the sympathy of all as well as supplying his financial needs.

The above report was adopted.

L. C. Wilson, from the committee, presented the following report:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

"The standing of any nation is largely determined by the education of its citizens. Between the learned and the unlearned lies all that separates civilization from barbarism; between ignorance and education all that distinguishes the savage from the

sage." But the education that your committee would impress upon the minds of our people is not that intellectual education so much which skeptics and infidels would honor above the simplicity of the Gospel. But it is that which is vital to the growth and prosperity of any Christian denomination. That which brings out and develops even "Babes in Christ," and makes them strong men in Christ; men prepared for the battles of life against sin; men with convictions; men who believe they are Missionary Baptists, and know they are. Yes, that education that will make a people a strong people, uncompromising for the Faith; a people determined on taking the world for Christ.

The Bible is the great center; all light and all truth; but our people need a more general information than they have in regard to the great work that God has laid upon the Baptists in the salvation of a lost world They need to know more of each other; they need to get nearer together—yea, they need to see eye to eye and speak the same thing.

The great brotherhood of the Lord should grow stronger as the passing years go by. These ends can and never will be reached until our people avail themselves of the opportunity which is laid at their doors, and furnish their homes with good, sound Baptist literature. Under God it is that secret, yet powerful influence in uniting and binding together the hearts of his people.

Your committee would recommend to our people the great importance of a speedy action in supplying themselves with such literature as would be wholesome food for them and their children, that a great revolution might come to all of our churches. And again would we emphasize the thought that it is impossible to do justice to this great question in recommending any particular papers to the exclusion of others of equal importance; but would also emphasize the great care that should be exercised in the selection of such papers as would be a light to our homes and an inspiration to the lives of our people.

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. Wilson,
John Crisp,
Committee.

L. C. Wilson spoke at length to the report in general, emphasizing the various features and recommendations of the report.

J. S. Farmer spoke in behalf of the Biblical Recorder. Wm. Lee spoke in behalf of the Blue Ridge Baptist, published at North Wilkinson; also distributed sample copies.

Livingston Johnson spoke briefly with regard to the Biblical Recorder, and Charity and Children, the Orphanage paper.

D. C. Harmon mentioned the American Baptist Flag as an able Baptist paper.

The Moderator, addressing D. C. Harmon as Moderator, states that we ought not to judge harshly any of our papers because of any mistakes they may have made; stating further that if any one is unable to take more than one paper that it ought to be a paper of our own State.

Respectfully adopted.

Livingston Johnson read the following report:

REPORT ON HOME MISSION.

We, your committee, beg leave to say that we believe in Home Missions; but do not endorse the course the Board has taken with regard to the Diaz matter. Bro. Blalock, in Oregon as a Missionary, doing missionary work, and Miss Jennie Edwards, in Cuba, are worthy of your support J. T. Moore, in Mexico, is doing a good work, and others. They claim an interest in your prayers and means.

We would ask the churches to contribute to this work.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID GREENE,
D. B. BAKER,
Committee.

C. S. Farthing moved to strike out that part of the report referring to the Diaz matter in Cuba. Livingston Johnson, by request, proceeded to explain the Diaz situation.

The report, as amended, was adopted.

G. W. Robbins, from the committee, read the following report.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

Ministers' Relief Board is located at Durham. One-fourth of the amounts contributed goes into a permanent fund, while three-fourths is used to supply the immediate needs of those who are aided by the Board. Many of our preachers are paid pitiably poor salaries while they are in health and strength. Out of

these small salaries they are able to lay by nothing for old age. Many of these brethren would suffer were it not for the small amount they receive from the Board. The Board also extends its aid, as far as it is able to do so, to needy families of deceased ministers. The Board is not able to aid all who need it; neither are they giving to those they do aid as much as they need, because they have not the funds at their disposal. The churches should enlarge their offering to this important object. "They that preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel."

G. W. ROBBINS,
J. C. CHAPEL,
Committee.

G. W. Robbins spoke very briefly to the report.

D. C. Harmon and J. C. Horton added remarks.

Report was adopted.

E. J. Norris presented the following:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following: We are glad to say the Sunday School cause is greatly advancing, while some of our church members do not take the interest they should. We urge that our churches wake up and try to run evergreen Sunday Schools in all our churches as much as possible, for studying the Word of God and teaching our children is important to their souls' salvation.

E. J. NORRIS,
A. ROTEN,
Committee.

E. J. Norris, John McBride, A. Roten, C. S. Farthing, Solomon Younce, W. Swift and others spoke forcibly of the Sunday School work.

Report was adopted.

J. C. Horton moved that the Committee on Correspondents be instructed to recommend five brethren for election by the Association as Executive Committeefor the ensuing year; also one for a member of the State Mission Board.

Lewis W. Farthing led in prayer.

A song, "Children of the Heavenly King."

Benediction by R. M. Farthing.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THIRD DAY.

W. Swift conducted a song service.

John Crisp, after offering some preliminary remarks, as to the great blessing of a Christian Association, read and commented on the 116th Psalm.

Wm. Lee led in prayer.

By request, the congregation sang "Whiter than snow."

After prayer by D. C. Harmon, and further singing, the Moderator called the Association to order.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported that S. W. King will preach at 11 a. m.; J. H. Farthing at 2 p. m.

A motion prevailed that the Clerk read some written statements from Livington Johnson with regard to Church Succession.

Minutes of yesterday read and corrected.

L. R. Jones submits his report as Colporteur as follows:

COLPORTEUR'S REPORT.

Cash received	$24 89	
Books received	31 00	
Total	$55 89	
Books on hand		$48 97
Cash on hand		6 92
Total		$55 89

Amount of books bought, $103.45.
Amount of books sold .... 85.48.

Respectfully, L. R. JONES, Colporteur.

Report was received.

L. W. Farthing moved that L. R. Jones be continued as Colporteur.

A motion prevailed to instruct the Colporteur to sell all old or damaged books that he may have

on hand at whatever price he may be able to get; and, further, that he be responsible to the Association, in cash, for the purchase price of all books that he has bought or will buy.

C. S. Farthing offered some remarks in favor of the above instruction.

L. M. Trivett from the committee, makes the following report:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to submit the following:

For Minute fund	$ 32 12
For Orphanage	19 59
For Foreign Missions	34 48
For Home Missions	10 44
For State Missions	15 77
For Associational Missions	1 76
For Old Ministers' Relief	2 45
Total	$116 61

J. L. Hayse,
L. M. Trivett,
Committee.

Above report was adopted.

J. H. Farthing offered the following:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

If there be any one question with which we, as the churches of Christ, have to do that is greatest of all, it must be that of giving the Gospel of Christ to the world. It does seem to us that this was the great reason why He set up his church in the world.

First of all there is the imperative voice of duty. The very watchword of the Christian life is obedience, and our great Captain has left us His marching orders: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Such a plain command makes all other motives comparatively unnecessary.

"Whatsoever he sayeth unto you, do it." This command comes to every pastor, church and individual Christian.

Do we, each one of us, hear the Master saying to me, "Tell the world of Christ's dying love?"

We connot all go; but we can all help others to go.

God has given us the talent and the wealth. Oh, brethren,

are we using the means God has given to us to spend His Gospel and bring people to Christ as we should. Brethren, can we not arouse a deeper interest in this last greater command during the next year.

Oh, brethren and sisters, if we would love His presence along life's journey, we must obey this command.

J. M. PAYNE,
J. H. FARTHING,
Committee.

J. H. Farthing spoke strongly and appealingly for the wide spread of the Gospel, urging that every member do someting for the work.

R. M. Farthing spoke of ways and means by which we may give the Gospel to the heathen.

D. C. Harmon spoke briefly.

L. C. Wilson moved that the roll of churches be called that the messengers have an opportunity of indicating an amount their respective churches try to raise for Foreign Mission next year.

The following indicated:

Antioch	$ 5 00	Forest Grove	$10 00
Bethel	20 00	Flat Top	2 00
Beaver Dam	25 00	Howards Creek	1 00
Bethany	2 00	Laurel Springs	10 00
Boone	10 00	Mt. Gillead	2 00
Brushy Fork	5 00	Mt. Calvary	6 00
Cove Creek	10 00	Mt. Lebanon	1 00
Cool Springs	2 00	Three Forks	15 00
Clarks Creek	1 00	Zionville	20 00
Elk Valley	2 00	Pleasant Valley	3 00
Fall Creek	2 00	South Fork	2 50

J. F. Trivett, J. N. Gryder, J. F. Tester, J. W. Trivett, each, $1.00.

On motion, L. C. Wilson was requested to go to the grove, and at the close of the sermon take a collection for Foreign Missions. Amount received, $5.63.

Wm. Elrod submits the following report:

REPORT ON DIGEST OF LETTERS.

Received by Baptism	169
Received by letter	102
Restored	56

Dismissed by letter	124
Excluded	82
Died	18
Net gain	181
Number of males	1232
Number of females	1848
Minute fund	$ 30.89
Pastors' salaries (33 churches)	$1060.96
Church property	8725.00
Incidental expenses	97.38
Poor	77.33
State Missions	34.70
Home Missions	26.14
Foreign Missions	159.15
Orphanage	58.25
Old Ministers' Relief	2.45
Other objects	53.20
Building and repairing	224 69
Sunday School expenses	74.20

Respectfully submitted,

WM. ELROD,
JOHN SHERRILL,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

Correspondents for last year report as follows:

C. S. Farthing visited Watauga, Mitchell county, and Stony Forks Associations.

J. F. Eller—Stony Fork and Watauga Associations.

Wm. Elrod—Caldwell County Association.

W. S. Farthing—Watauga Association and Baptist State Convention.

L. C. Wilson—Ashe County Association.

Reports read as satisfactory.

John Brown submits the following:

REPORT ON APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

The Committee respectfully recommends the following appointments:

To Southern Baptist Convention—R. M. Farthing, T. P. Adams.

State Convention—B. B. Dougherty, J. H. Farthing.

Brushy Mt. Association—Asa Brown, R. W. Walker.

Holston Association—Lewis W. Farthing, L. C. Wilson.

Mitchell County Association—L. W. Farthing, C. S. Farthing, George Roten, W. Swift, D. C. Harmon.

New River Association—J. J. L. Sherwood, David Greene, Sr., G. W. Trivett.

Ashe County Association—J. M. Payne, Wm. Elrod, J. D. Brown, John Crisp.

Watauga Association—H. H. Farthing, A. J. Harmon, Sr., T. P. Adams, John McBride.

Stony Forks Association—Solomon Younce, David Greene, Jr., J. C. Horton, J. F. Eller.

We also recommend the following brethren for Executive Committee for the coming year:

W. S. Farthing, Smith Hagaman, J. C. Horton, W. C. Coffey, John McBride.

We further recommend W. S. Farthing as a member for State Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted.

J. C. Brown,
John Ward,
Committee.

Report is adopted.

Evening Session—Last Day.

Prayer by L. C. Wilson.

L. W. Farthing moved that next session of the Association be held with Shulls Mills church, beginning on Tuesday after the 4th Sunday in August, 1904.

A motion prevailed to insert Elk Valley church instead of Shulls Mills.

A motion prevailed that J. F. Eller preach the introductory sermon, with C. S. Farthing alternate.

D. F. Horton, treasurer, submits his report:

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Money held over at last Association	$ 15 17
Received from Association (per clerk of Association)	89 68
Received from Forest Grove Church, Gospel Mission	8 01
Received from Brushy Fork Church, Gospel Mission	2 16
Received from Brushy Fork Church, Orphanage	3 91
Received from Pleasant Grove, Gospel Mission	2 55
Received from Pleasant Grove, Orphanage	3 48
Received from Three Forks Church, Gospel Mission	3 00
Received from Sunday School Convention, Orphanage	2 73
Total	$130 69

Paid out at last Asso. to Archibald Johnson, Orphanage	$ 20 98
Paid out to Archibald Johnson, since last Association, Orphanage	10 12
Paid out to Clerk of Association	7 50
Paid out to J. D. Moore for Gospel Mission, Blalock	67 20
Paid out to Ed. B. Freeman, printing Minutes	24 89
Total	$130 69

Respectfully submitted. D. F. HORTON, Treas.

Report was adopted.

T. P. Adams moved that D. F. Horton be continued as Treasurer.

L. W. Farthing moved that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of Minutes, and that he be allowed $7.50 for his services.

H. H. Farthing, for the committee, presents the following:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The Orphanage at Thomasville is being constantly enlarged. Twenty years ago it began its blessed work. The first year of its existence there were two buildings into which were gathered forty children. There are now seven homes at the Orphanage, containing two hundred and sixty children. During the next twelve months three other buildings will be erected with a capacity to accommodate one hundred and twenty other children, making the total number three hundred and eighty. A central kitchen and dining room will be built in a few months. When these are put up some of the buildings now used as dining rooms can be used for bed-room buildings.

It is not too much to expect that within two years there will be room at Thomasville for at least five hundred children. This will mean, of course, that the churches must double their contributions to the Orphanage, as there will be twice the present number of children to feed and clothe.

We recommend to all the churches of the Association that the Baptist Orphanage be made a special object of collection during the Thanksgiving season in November.

Respectfully submitted.

SOLOMON YOUNCE,
H. H. FARTHING,
Committee.

H. H. Farthing spoke to the report briefly.

The report was adopted.

L. C. Wilson read for the committee the following resolutions:

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the Three Forks Association, now in session, express her approval and appreciation of the action of the Stony Fork Association in uniting with this body in the adoption of resolutions relative to what is known as the "Johnson Heresy," in that she has united with us in entreating the Ashe County Association for a redress of this matter.

Resolved, further, That this Association call the attention of other Associations who hold fellowship with Ashe County Associations that the same vital principles are involved with them as with us, and that it is the sincere conviction of this body that harmony and fellowship be promoted among our people, and the sacred principles for which the Baptists have ever stood be honored, and that love and fellowship among us may continue.

Resolved, further, That your committee would recommend that this matter be attended to at once, and that a committee be appointed to visit our sister Associations and call their attention to the same.

Resolved, further, That this Association tender its thanks to the brethren and sisters for their hospitality during this Association.

Respectfully submitted.

J. J. L. SHERWOOD,
JOHN MCBRIDE,
JOHN F. ELLER,
Committee.

After considerable discussion the above resolutions were adopted.

L. C. Wilson made the following

REPORT AS COMMITTEE TO ASHE CO. ASSOCIATION:

Your committee appointed to attend the Ashe County Association in regard to what is known as the "Johnson Heresy" submit: That I visited said Association in obedience to your orders; and would further submit that it was not necessary for your committee to thrust the matter before that body; but of their own accord did they take the matter in hand and appoint a committee to investigate the matter and report at their meeting.

The above report was adopted.

J. C. Horton read the following report:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of Three Forks Association begs leave to submit the following report:

Beginning in June we engaged Bro. I. W. Thomas to preach at Blowing Rock one Lord's day in each month.

Collections for the work were taken at each service, and it has only been necessary for us to pay the amount of $4.50 to Brother Thomas to make up his salary for supplying the service to this time. We have received in contributions for this object the sum of $6.76, leaving still in the hands of the committee $2.26.

On the second Saturday in July a church with eleven members was constituted, called "Blowing Rock Baptist Church," and at this session has been received into the fellowship of our Association. A lot has been purchased in the town of Blowing Rock and steps are being taken to erect a house of worship. Leading Baptists of the State are taking great interest in this work, and a strong appeal for aid in erecting a good church building has been issued to the Baptist people of North Carolina.

We think that it will be necessary for the Committee to continue aid to this church for the coming year by paying a part of the pastor's salary, as well as in extending all possible assistance in building. This committee, therefore, recommends that all our churches make one or more collections during the coming year for Associational Missions, to be applied to this object.

We regard this of supreme importance in our denominational work, and trust that all the churches will aid liberally by their contributions.

Next to the work in our Associational field we present the needs of the State Mission course, and the Home Missions as appealing to us for liberal contributions and support, not omitting mention of our Orphanage at Thomasville, which lies next the heart of every Baptist in North Carolina, and will receive their loyal and loving support. We do not take this position to the neglect of our great work in foreign fields, but maintain that it is our first duty to reclaim and build up the cause in the neglected destitute places among our own people in home fields. When we do this we add to our strength and increase our ability for still greater achievements in sending the Gospel abroad, as well as in other departments of our denominational work.

This Committee earnestly recommends to all the churches the adoption of a system of regular collections for our different objects of denominational work, and we beg to suggest a schedule of collections for each month in our Associational year, to be used by the churches that may choose to adopt a systematic order of collections:

September—Associational Missions.
October—State Missions.
November—Orphanage.
December—Foreign Missions.
January—Ministerial Relief.
February—State Missions.
March—Associational Missions.
April—Foreign Missions.
May—State Missions.
June—Orphanage.
July—Home Missions.
August—State Missions.

Respectfully submitted.

W. C. COFFEY, Chairman.
J. C. HORTON, Secretary.

J. C. Horton, Historian, read some interesting matters of history relative to pioneer Baptist work in this mountain country, which was ordered filed.

D. C. Harmon moved that J. C. Horton be continued as Historian.

R. M. Farthing moved that the corresponents to the various Associations act as a committee to carry out the purposes of the resolutions before adopted.

Prayer for the Lord's guiding, with thanksgiving for his presence, was led by John Crisp.

D. C. Harmon spoke of the many sessions of the Association that he has been blessed to attend—about 54 out of 56 since he first attended.

The Association sang "How Firm a Foundation," while the messengers extended to each other the parting hand.

Adjourned until time and place.

W. S. FARTHING, MOD.
SMITH HAGAMAN, Clerk.

ROLL OF MESSENGERS.

Antioch—L. W. Farthing, W. J. Farthing.
Bethel—Lewis W. Farthing, H. H. Farthing, W. S. Farthing.
Beaver Dam—W. J. Hagaman, John Sherrill, W. F. Reese.
Bethany—L D. Mikeal, C. E. Welch, J. F. Triplet.
Beech Mt.—T. F. Church, J. M. Stone.
Boone—R. G. Gragg.
Brushy Fork—J. L. Hayse, J. P. Wilkinson, L. M. Trivett.
Blowing Rock—Enzor Greene, J. D. Brown.
Cove Creek—D. C. Mast, John McBride, T. P. Adams.
Cool Springs—James Elrod, T. L. C. Hartley, C. C. Winkler.
Clarks Creek—L. A. Lawrence, Lee Storie.
Elk Knob—Thomas Martin, James Davenport.
Elk Valley—J. R. Triplet, Arthur Norman.
Fall Creek—C. A. Parlier, W. B. Norris.
Forest Grove—Smith Hagaman, Wm. Eller, Sr., Roy Dotson.
Flat Top—Wm. Elrod, Harris Greene.
Flat Springs—J. D. York, Frank Jones, J. R. Greene.
Gap Creek—A. R. Yates.
Howards Creek—E. J. Norris, Elbert C. Brown.
Laurel Springs—Z. T. Watson, M. L. McNeil, Lot F. Greene.
Meat Camp—R. G. Ragan, T. J. Tugman.
Mt. Calvary—J. C. Chapel.
Mt. Gillead—Solomon Younce, H. L. Lawrence, J. W. Meadows.
Mt. Lebanon—J. D. Danner, M. W. Stone.
Pleasant Grove—J. H. Mast, Leander Wilson.
Pleasant Valley—J. H. Evans, Joel Eggers.
South Fork—J. I. Wilson, I. E. Duncan.
Shulls Mills—John S. Reede, G. W. Robbins, Harley Coffey.
Sampson—W. N. Stone.
Three Forks—J. C. Porton, C. J. Cottrel, J. H. Brown.
Union—John Norris.
Zionville—A. Roten, Henry Grogan.
Zion Hill—E. G. Harmon, G. C. Harmon, Joel Harmon.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Pastor's Salary.	Building and Repairs.	Poor.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Old Ministers' Relief.	Other Objects.
Antioch	1 37	30 57	550 00								$19 00
Bethel	2 25	60 00				$10 00	$10 00	$17 65	10 00		16 50
Beaver Dam	1 25	65 00	1 12					31 94	5 41	$2 45	10 65
Bethany	75	25 00				50	1 00	1 50	1 00		
Beech Mt	1 00	14 45							1 51		6 80
Boone	1 00				5 62	3 66		1 45	1 53		
Brushy Fork	1 50	30 00	35 00	$60 00		1 00		3 91	3 91		
Blowing Rock	50	60 00									5 14
Cove Creek	1 00	63 60	9 25					14 61	3 63		4 00
Cool Springs	1 20	10 25						1 25			
Clark's Creek	75	20 00	30 00					1 67	1 00		
Elk Knob	65	15 00									
Elk Valley	1 00	34 00	18 00					1 50	2 00		
Fall Creek	60	21 55	2 00					2 22	2 22		2 60
Forest Grove	1 00	40 00						11 61	3 15		
Flat Top	50	15 00									
Flat Springs	50	7 95									4 40
Gap Creek	1 10	20 00	1 87		1 76		1 79	1 38	2 30		
Howard's Creek	1 00	26 75	53 45						3 00		8 07
Laurel Springs	1 10	90 66	24 00			5 52	5 26	15 00	1 25		8 50
Meat Camp	1 30	48 65				1 10		1 55	2 00		14 40
Mt. Calvary	1 50	40 00					3 18	6 45	3 04		
Mt. Gillead	60	30 00									10 00
Mt. Lebanon	75	28 65							1 00		
Pleasant Grove	80	38 40						4 52	3 48		13 00
Pleasant Valley	1 00	31 58		3 33			1 00	1 00	2 00		
South Fork	1 35	27 40	50 00					3 00			
Shulls Mills	50										
Sampson	65										
Three Forks	1 50	69 80			2 61	5 00		15 95			11 72
Union	90	53 45				1 15		2 00			12 10
Zionville	75	37 55		10 00				22 50	3 65		20 00
Zion Hill	50	15 00									2 00

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.	No. Officers & Teachers.	No. Scholars.	Total.	No. of Schools.	Volumns in Library.	Quarterlies and Papers Taken.	Months kept Open.	Average Attendance.	No. Baptized from S. S.	School Expenses.	School Contributed to Orphanage.
Antioch	W. J. Farthing, Watauga Falls, N. C	5	52	57	1		22	6	35		$ 50	
Bethel	R. M. Farthing and H. H. Farthing, Hattie, N. C	12	125	137	2		100	12	96		10 77	$ 7 22
Beaver Dam	Wellington Swift, Reese, N. C	7	75	82	1	43	60	12	45	2		
Bethany	L. J. Michael, Matney, N. C	4	30	34	1		46	9	34	5	2 00	
Beech Mt.	John R. Church, Dark Ridge, N. C	5	40	45	1		15	6	35		40	
Boone	D. D. Dougherty, Boone, N. C	4			1		45		20		15 90	3 00
Brushy Fork	J. E. Hayes, Hagaman, N. C	7	90	97	1		45	12	60			
Cove Creek	John McBride, Sugar Grove, N. C	7	50	57	1			12	35	7	5 00	
Cool Springs	J. M. Elrod, Blowing Rock, N. C	4	52	56	1		86	6	38		1 80	2 20
Clark's Creek	Joel Eggers, Valley Crusis, N. C	5	25	31	1		20	6	20	1	1 21	
Elk Valley	A. E. Norman, Hale, N. C	6	44	50	1		42	12	25	1	2 50	
Fall Creek	W. B. Norris, Hale, N. C	5	36	41	1		28	6	30		1 35	1 32
Forest Grove	Hugh Hagaman, Forest, N. C	6	94	100	1		55	12	45	6	4 00	
Gap Creek	G. W. Smith, Hopkins, N. C	5	85	90	1		75	6	75	17	2 43	
Laurel Springs	Solomon Green, Virgil, N. C	5	75	80	1		68	9	50		3 65	
Meat Camp	H. H. Lewis, Meat Camp, N. C	5	45	50	1						2 50	
Mt. Calvary	J. C. Chapel, Banner Elk, N. C	9	82	91	2		50	9	62	2	5 24	
Mt. Gilead	Solomon Younce, Beech Creek, N, C	8	65	73	2		35	6	65			
Mt. Lebanon	L. H. Trivett, Hagaman, N. C	9	74	83	2		140	12	52		3 89	
Pleasant Grove	J. H. Mast, Silver Stone, N. C	7	72	79	1		40	12	54	3		
Pleasant Valley	J. L. Carmon, Elk Park, N. C	6	34	40	1		40	4	40		2 25	
South Fork	W. W. Howell, Todd, N. C	6	60	66	1		40	6	40		2 50	
Shulls Mills	G. W. Robbins, Shulls Mills, N. C	6	66	72	1			6	44		2 75	
Sampson	S. E. Harrison, Tenley, N. C	7	58	65	1		74	6	41		3 87	
Three Forks	C. J. Cotrell, Deer Field, N. C	7	50	57	1		35	9	40		4 00	
Union	G. C. Greer, Zionville, N. C	7	60	67	1		50	12	55		4 00	
Zionville	A. Roten, Zionville, N. C	8	75	83	1		85	12		5	7 00	
Zion Hill	William Eller, Leander, N. C	5	30	35	1		33	6	30			

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.	Ordained Ministers.	ADDED.			LOST.			MEMB'SHIP.			Time of Preaching.	Value of Church Property.	Seating Capacity.
				Baptized.	Letter.	Restored.	Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females	Total.			
Antioch	J. J. L. Sherwood, Yerger, N. C.	John Ward, Watauga Falls, N. C.	....	5	2	5	4	2	1	76	80	156	1st	$ 575	.....
Bethel	J. F. Eller, Sweet Water	W. S. Farthing, Sweet Water	6	....	3	....	7	5	2	67	99	166	4th	500	350
Beaver Dam	J. H. Farthing, Hattie	J. R. Eggers, Reese	....	5	....	2	1	4	....	38	61	99	2nd	.....	.....
Bethany	L. C. Wilson, Hattie	C. E. Wech, Matney	....	12	3	2	....	....	1	21	27	48	1st	300	200
Beech Mt	David Greene Jr., Whaley	G. W. McGuire, Dark Ridge	1	8	1	1	15	3	....	55	78	133	1st	500	300
Boone	L. C. Wilson, Hattie	W. L. Bryan, Boone	....	....	4	....	....	....	....	8	15	23	3rd	50	300
Brushy Fork	David Greene, Norris	James Presnell, Hagaman	3	4	4	....	....	7	2	79	111	190	2nd	600	500
Blowing Rock	I. W. Thomas, Norris	J. D. Brown, Blowing Rock	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	6	5	11	2nd	.....	.....
Cove Creek	David Greene, Norris	W. M. Sherwood, Sugar Grove	3	7	1	1	....	2	1	52	90	142	3rd	1,000	500
Cool Springs	J. M. Payne, Blooming Rock	T. L. C. Hartley, Blowing Rock	1	1	1	....	6	2	....	33	42	75	2nd	200	200
Clark's Creek	C. S. Farthing, Hattie	G. W. Rowe, Valley Crusis	....	1	3	....	1	....	....	12	26	38	4th	200	250
Elk Knob	L. A. Wilson, Tamarack	J. M. South, Tamarack	2	....	....	1	....	15	....	19	44	63	3rd	300	240
Elk Valley	Solomon Younce, Norris Tenn.	A. M. Johnson, Hale	....	1	2	....	8	....	....	18	35	53	4th	.....	.....
Fall Creek	G. W. Trivett, Watauga Falls	W. B. Norris, Hale	1	7	....	....	8	2	....	15	10	25	2nd	.....	.....
Forest Grove	J. H. Farthing, Hattie	Smith Hagaman, Forest	2	7	....	2	2	2	....	37	58	95	1st	300	300
Flat Top	E. D. Crisps, Upton	Wm. Elrod, Blowing Rock	....	....	....	....	15	....	....	8	24	32	4th	100	200
Flat Springs	David Green, Jr., Whaley	J. R. Green, Whaley	1	15	22	....	2	....	....	24	30	54	3rd	.....	.....
Gap Creek	P. H. Faire, Fleet Wood	A. J. Wellborn, Stoney Fork	....	20	7	2	1	....	....	38	47	85	1st	300	400
Howard's Creek	S. L. Fox, Hagaman	Elbert C. Brown, Sands	....	15	5	....	2	....	1	24	53	77	3rd	.....	.....
Laurel Springs	L. C. Wilson, Hattie	Z. T. Watson, Rutherwood	3	....	4	1	10	4	1	68	112	180	4th	800	450
Meat Camp	L. A. Wilson, Tamarack	L. A. Greene, Norris	1	....	....	3	3	4	2	46	93	139	4th	.....	.....
Mt. Calvary	L. C. Wilson, Hattie	I. N. Copening, Banner Elk	1	7	7	2	3	3	....	28	50	78	3rd	100	200
Mt Gilead	Solomon Younce, Norris	J. W. Meadows, Nor is	1	3	8	....	23	....	2	29	40	69	2nd	200	400
Mt. Lebanon	S. L. Fox, Hagaman	J. D. Danner, Hagaman	....	4	2	....	2	2	....	17	27	44	1st	325	250
Pleasant Grove	David Greene, Benfield	Enoch Perry, Silver Stone	....	6	2	....	6	9	1	75	110	185	4th	300	350
Pleasant Valley	W. M. Cannon, Dark Ridge	J. H. Evans, Elk Park	....	4	6	4	12	3	1	33	66	96	4th	150	300
South Fork	David Greene, Norris	I. E. Duncan, Todd	1	9	....	....	....	1	....	47	70	117	1st	1,000	400
Shulls Mills	John Norris, Norris	G. W. Robins, Shulls Mills	....	3	3	1	2	....	....	12	15	27	3rd	500	300
Sampson	J. H. Nelson, Patterson	S. E. Harrison, Penley	1	4	....	1	1	2	1	33	31	64	1st	480	200
Three Forks	J. J. L. Sherwood, Yerger	W. T. Vandyke, Bamboo	....	1	3	....	6	2	....	50	75	125	2nd	500	400
Union	L. A. Wilson, Southerland	G. C. Greer, Zionville	....	4	4	....	3	1	3	59	81	140	1st	.....	.....
Zionville	J. F. Eller, Sweet Water	D. L. Jenkins, Trade, Tenn	....	6	....	....	8	7	....	76	106	182	2nd	800	500
Zion Hill	David Greene, Jr., Whaley	J. G. Trivett, Trivett, N. C	2	11	5	5	2	....	1	30	40	70	4th	200	200

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SMITH HAGAMAN, C. J. COTTRELL,
W. S. FARTHING.

Member of State Mission Board.

W. C. COFFEY.

Ordained Ministers.

(The following Post-offices are in North Carolina, unless otherwise marked.)

James Bradshaw .....Penley.
Asa Brown.....River Side.
John Crisp.....Norris.
C. S. Farthing.....Hattie.
David Green .....Norris.
D. C. Harmon.....Gorden.
J. M. Payne.....Blowing Rock.
S. W. King.....Banner Elk.
G. W. Trivett....Watauga Falls.
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Wm. Wilcoxen.....Todd.
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J. M. Harmon.....Sugar Grove.
W. H. Michael.....Sutherland.
L. C. Wilson.....Hattie.
David Greene .....Whaley.
Solomon Younce...Norris, Tenn.

PROCEEDINGS.

ELK VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH,
WATAUGA COUNTY, N. C.,
TUESDAY, August 30, 1904.

The Three Forks Baptist Association met this day in its sixty-ourth annual session in the Elk Valley Church house.

Solomon Younce conducted a song service, after which, by re-uest, J. H. Farthing led in prayer.

J. F. Eller, who was appointed by last Association to preach the ntroductory Sermon, read the first 24 verses of 10th chapter of uke. Prayer by John Crisp.

By request the congregation sang, "Brethren we have met to vorship," etc.

Bro. Eller announced as a text, "But rather rejoice because your ames are written in heaven." Luke x. 20. Closing his sermon vith the evidences of a Christian's name being written in heaven: st. Love to God and men. 2nd. Love to the brotherhood. 3rd. Hatred to sin. 4th. The reception of the chastening rod.

At the close of the sermon J. J. L. Sherwood led in prayer, bur-lened with thanksgiving for the saving power of God.

The Moderator announced that John Crisp will preach in the rove near the Church at 2 o'clock p. m.

After the benediction by John Norris, adjourned for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At the expiration of the one hour the messengers assempled in he house. After singing, the Moderator, in the chair, requests Solomon Younce to lead in prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit during the entire session, after which, by direction of the Moderator, letters were presented from thirty of the thirty-three Churches.

The Moderator appointed D. D. Daugherty and L. M. Trivett to read the letters.

L. W. Farthing moved to seat G. P. Sherrill, as messenger from Beaver Dam Church, in place of John Sherrill, who is not present.

Wm. Elrod moved that J. J. L. Sherwood cast the vote of the Association for the present encumbents, W. S. Farthing, Moderator, and Smith Hagaman, Clerk.

The ballot was so cast.

L. W. Farthing moved that an invitation be extended to corre-[illegible] and visitors from sister Associations to present them-selves. The following announced themselves: Linzy Triplet, from Brushy Mountain Association; J. C. Blaylock, from Mitchell County Association; W. J. Potter, from Watauga Association.

J. F. Eller moved that the chair appoint the usual committees.

The following were announced:

On Baptist Orphanage—Asa Brown, Wm. Farthing.
On Temperance—J. F. Eller, A. Roten and D. D. Daugherty.
On Pastoral Support—G. P. Sherrill, John Mast and Lewis W. Farthing.
On Education—D. D. Daugherty and S. W. King.
On Foreign Missions—John Crisp, J. C. Blaylock.

liberally for its support of their financial means that God hath blessed them with.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. POTTER,
I. N. CORPENING,
R. K. HARTLEY,
Committee.

W. J. Potter spoke with reference to that part of the report referring to becoming so immersed in one department of work that others are neglected. John Norris, C. S. Farthing and C. R. Norris spoke further to the report. Report adopted.

A motion prevailed that a collection be taken for Foreign Missions.

S. W. King was asked to take the collection from the congregation in the grove. The collection amounted to $6.85.

The Committee on Preaching reports, J. H. Farthing to preach in the grove at 2 o'clock p. m., and J. M. Payne to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m.

Adjourned for one hour.

EVENING SESSION.

After singing and prayer by W. J. Potter, W. R. Pritchard from Mitchell County Association was recognized and welcomed to a seat in the Asssociation.

C. S. Farthing read the following

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Southern Baptist Convention, through the Home Mission Board, is giving the gospel to the destitute portions of the Southern States, the negroes and the island of Cuba.

There are brethren and sisters engaged in this work independent of the Board.

We advise the churches to contribute regularly to this work, either through the Board or to those laboring independent of the Board, as they choose.

C. S. FARTHING,
For Committee.

Report adopted.

S. W. King presents the following

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Education, submit the following:

In view of the fact that the civilized world is rapidly approaching its zenith in literary attainments and that a higher standard of education is necessary among our people—the Baptists—and especially among the ministry, in order to be able to meet the false and pernicious literature now flooding the land.

We would recommend that all our Baptist parents, churches and ministers use their utmost influence to promote both a literary and Christian education, and that in the selection of educational institutions great care should be taken to avoid all institutions that discard the fundamental doctrines of the Bible. The time has come when we, the Baptists of the Three Forks Association, must prepare ourselves to meet the greater demand for a higher standard of education, and especially for the education of the masses.

When we take a survey of our territory we find situated throughout its length and breadth denominational schools which are throwing influences around the youths of our land which is neither whole-

some nor sound. Realizing this fact, that we, as a denomination, should have a school where the rising generation could be placed under sound doctrine and pure influence.

To meet this great need the Mount Calvary Baptist Church has set on foot the Balm Institute, which is a Baptist school under direct control of a Baptist church, and they pray for the co-operation and help of each Baptist church in the Association, and we recommend that the churches grant them the same.

S. W. KING,
For Committee.

D. D. Daugherty spoke on general education, giving five definitions: 1st. Elevation; 2nd. Light; 3rd Training the faculties of the mind; 4th. A drawing out or launching for service; 5th. Living.

S. W. King spoke particularly of the need of a Baptist institution and the endeavor of Mt. Calvary Church to establish such an institution.

Remarks by C. J. Cottrell, I. N. Corpening, Wm. Farthing, A. Roten and Solomon Younce.

Report adopted.

Bro. King asked the pastors and messengers to present the claims of the above mentioned school to their respective churches.

The Treasurer presented his report as follows:

Received at Association, 1903	$122.24
Forest Grove Church, General Missions	10.77
Pleasant Grove Church, General Missions	4.15
Brushy Fork Church, General Missions	2.51
Mt. Lebanon Church, General Missions	1.30
Sunday School Convention, General Missions	2.50
Total	$143.45

Paid out at Association 1903, Orphanage	$19.59
Paid out at Association 1903, State Missions	15.77
Paid out at Association 1903, Old Ministers' Relief	2.45
Paid out at Association 1903, Home Missions	10.44
Paid out since Association, Foreign Missions	12.24
Paid out J. D. Moore, G. Missions	44.20
Paid out Ed. B. Freeman, printing minutes	24.62
Paid out Clerk of Association for services	7.50
Left in Treasury	6.64
Total	$143.45

Respectfully submitted, D. F. HORTON,
Treasurer Three Forks Association.

Report adopted.

E. J. Norris moved to continue D. F. Horton as Treasurer for the ensuing year.

B. F. Jones sends the following

REPORT OF COLPORTEUR.

In behalf of my father, L. R. Jones, deceased, I send his report as Colporteur, as follows:

Books on hand last report	$48.97
Cash on hand last report	6.92
Total	$55.89

Books bought	$37.80
Books sold	36.30
Books on hand	$50.47
Cash on hand	5.42
	$55.89

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. JONES.

Report adopted.

C. S. Farthing moved that three trustees be appointed to take charge of the books belonging to the Association and sell them if they can and report at next Association.

C. S. Farthing, Smith Hagaman and J. J. T. Reese appointed Trustees.

C. J. Cottrell submits the following

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following, viz:

Minute Fund	$30.11
Orphanage	25.76
Foreign Missions	40.19
State Missions	6.00
Blowing Rock Church	2.10
	$104.16
Added	1.00
Total	$105.16

C. J. COTTRELL,
C. B. REESE,
Committee.

Report adopted.

A motion prevailed to adjourn to 8:30 to-morrow morning, and spend half hour in devotional exercises.

Prayer by Lewis Farthing.

"Jesus grant us all a blessing," etc., was sung, the Association standing.

Benediction by J. M. Payne.

THURSDAY MORNING, September 1,

By request of the Moderator religious exercises were conducted by J. F. Eller. After having read the 34th Psalm, prayer by W. M. Cannon. After further singing, the Moderator in the chair, at 9 o'clock.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

A. Roten read the following

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee, report that we believe that temperance is on the increase.

We realize the fact that the fight is still on, and while the enemy is organizing for the fight, we believe that the friends of temperance, God and humanity should be a unit in the great work. We recom-

mend that Christians pray more, work more and trust God more in the great struggle for temperance.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Eller,
D. D. Daugherty,
A. Roten,
Committee.

A. Roten spoke to the above report. Said that the five great liquor associations of the United States have combined and contributed one and a half million dollars for the present year's campaign, in their interest.

J. F. Eller read some extracts on the subject.

G. P. Sherrill read for our consideration Habakkuk 2:15.

C. S. Farthing spoke of the feasibility of organizing against the liquor organizations.

A. E. Norman spoke of his recent resolution against dram drinking.

Linzy Triplet, of Brushy Mountain Association, spoke of his long life experience, warning the people against dram drinking.

J. C. Chapel, C. R. Norris, C. J. Cottrell, W. J. Potter, Solomon Younce, John Norris, W. R. Pritchard continued strongly and interestingly the discussion.

Report adopted.

By request of the Moderator, John Crisp led the Association in prayer for the success of the temperance cause.

A temperance song was sung, after which W. J. Farthing read the

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The Orphanage at Thomasville is an institution that well deserves the sympathy and support of loyal Baptists.

If there is any one class that needs more attention than any other it is the tender fatherless children of our State. The Orphanage has been doing its noble work of caring for and training the orphan children of its care for the last 21 years. It began with forty children. It now has something near three hundred, and yet there are numbers still unhoused, suffering for parental care.

We do think the caring for the unfortunate fatherless children of our State is the paramount duty of all Christ-loving people.

He said, "Suffer them to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Therefore, we earnestly recommend that all the churches of this Association make the Baptist Orphanage a special object of collection during the coming year.

Asa Brown,
W. J. Farthing,
Committee.

Asa Brown and W. J. Farthing spoke to the report. The churches were called and pledges made for the Orphanage, as follows:

Antioch	Three collections.	Forest Grove	$2.00
Bethel	$10.00	Howards Creek	Two collections.
Beaver Dam	5.00	Laurel Springs	5.00
Bethany	.50	Mt. Calvary	2.00
Blowing Rock	1.00	Mt. Lebanon	Two collections.
Brushy Fork	3.00	Pleasant Valley	2.00
Cove Creek	5.00	Shulls Mills	1.00
Clark's Creek	1.00	Three Forks	5.00
Elk Valley	2.00	Zion Hill	1.00
Fall Creek	3.00	Zionville	Three collections.

Report on Orphanage adopted.

Lewis W. Farthing presented the following

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

We, your Committee on Pastoral Support, submit the following:

We see from the present report of the churches that the thirty churches reporting to this session of the Association have contributed to the support of their pastors $1,070.89, which amounts to about 35 cents per member; which we consider to be an appalling state of affairs when we further consider that our Lord hath ordained that they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel.

Not only is this affecting the pastors, but it is affecting the churches perhaps more, and we believe that the low state of spirituality of the churches is traceable largely to this failure to give their pastors that support that God hath intended, that they may give themselves entirely to the preparation for and the preaching of the gospel.

We earnestly entreat our churches to see to it that our pastors are better supported.

G. T. Sherrill
Lewis W. Farthing,
J. H. Mast,
Committee.

G. P. Sherrill, Lewis W. Farthing, C. S. Farthing and others spoke urging for a better support of our pastors.

Report adopted.

At the suggestion of Lewis W. Farthing the messengers who were willing to try to have their pastors' salaries increased 25 per cent for next year were asked to express the same by rising from their seats. A good number responded.

Adjourned for 45 minutes.

EVENING SESSION—Last Day.

G. W. Robbins read the

REPORT ON DIGEST OF LETTERS.

Received by baptism	105
Received by letter	42
Received by restoration	18
Dismissed by letter	53
Excluded	46
Died	26
Net gain	40
Number males	1,132
Number females	1,756
Total membership	2,888
Minute fund	$ 30.11
Pastors' salary (30 churches)	1,146.60
Value of church property	12,385.00
Incidental expenses	36.39
Poor	72.50
State missions	24.39
Home missions	5.80
Foreign missions	163.25
Orphanage	55.44

Old ministers' relief	$ 5.97
Other objects	44.76
Building and repairing	265.37
Sunday school expenses	85.03

Respectfully submitted.

G. W. Robbins,
J. D. Brown,
A. J. Gambill,
Committee.

J. T. Eller presents the following

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

We, your Committee on the State of the Churches, would submit the following:

After having examined the reports of the different churches in connection with such other information as we have been able to gather, we deduce the following:

The spiritual condition of the churches of this Association, as indicated by the signs by which we must judge, is unquestionably low.

The number of conversions in the past year has been but few. The contributions to the various objects have been small; in many instances exceedingly so.

We are persuaded that covetousness, worldliness and many other sins abound among our membership. The church that fails to reach the unsaved, has failed in its mission.

The church that sees a whole year roll by without a single conversion has great reasons, in connection with her pastor, to inquire before God of their condition.

We would most earnestly beseech the individual membership of all of our churches, *every man* for *himself*, that he, with his face in the dust, in the light of Eternal Truth would examine his spiritual condition.

We would further insist that each church take some steps, either through the medium of the Deacons or any other plan that they see proper, to enlist the great host of our membership that is either doing absolutely nothing in the support of the Gospel in its different departments or to know and deal with the reason why they do not.

Humbly submitted.

J. F. Eller,
Solomon Younce,
John Norris,
Committee.

Solomon Younce spoke particularly with reference to that part of the report referring to the mission of the Church.

J. F. Eller spoke of the causes of loss of power of a church, strongly appealing to the churches for a close investigation of their condition.

Report adopted.

Correspondents appointed to visit sister Associations last year report as follows:

L. W. Farthing and Solomon Younce visited Mitchell County Association.

C. S. Farthing, J. M. Payne, John Norris and G. W. Robbins visited Stony Fork Association.

Reports received as satisfactory.

Roy Dotson read the

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENTS.

Your Committee on Correspondents respectfully recommends the following appointments:

To Southern Baptist Convention—C. S. Farthing, J. H. Farthing.
State Convention—D. D. Daugherty, W. S. Farthing, T. P. Adams.
Brushy Mt. Association—Asa Brown, William Ellrod.
Holston Association—G. W. Trivett, C. S. Farthing.
Mitchell County Association—Solomon Younce, David Green, Sr.
New River Association—B. B. Daugherty, William Davenport, C. J. Cottrell.
Ashe County Association—J. F. Eller, Smith Hagaman, Asa Brown, A. Roten.
Watauga Association—John Norris, Solomon Younce, Jr.
Stony Fork Association—Lewis W. Farthing, S. W. King, J. M. Pain.
Caldwell County Association—J. H. Farthing, J. J. L. Sherwood, J. M. Pain.

We also recommend the following brethren for Executive Committee for the coming year: J. C. Horton, Smith Hagaman, J. H. Mast, C. J. Cottrell, W. S. Farthing.

We further recommend W. C. Coffey as a member for State Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted. L. W. Farthing,
Roy Dotson,
Committee.

Report adopted.

The Committee on

TIME, PLACE, ETC.,

Report next session to be held with Pleasant Grove church, beginning on Tuesday before the first Saturday in September, 1905, S. W. King to preach the introductory sermon, C. S. Farthing to be his alternate.

W. J. Farthing moved that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes of the Association and that he be allowed $7.50 for his services.

J. C. Horton presented the

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of Three Forks Association beg leave to make the following report:

The only work in hand by the committee for past year has been the aid to the Blowing Rock church in building a church house.

For past year the State Mission Board has paid a part of the pastor's salary so as to enable the brethren of the church and Association to give the more to aid in erecting a building. The lot purchased is a most excellent location for a church. It cost $275.00, mostly paid by the Blowing Rock brethren, and the church has a title for the property.

Contributions have been received from a few churches and individuals of this Association, and from Baptists in other sections, enabling the church to buy framing, lay foundation and erect frame. The frame is now up and in order to save what is already done and continue the work as it should be, the means are needed to buy lumber and shingles, doors and windows to enclose the building before the winter sets in, and we beg to urge the churches and all

brethren and friends who desire to give to this object to send in contributions to supply this need as soon as possible. This committee will respectfully urge the extreme importance of this work still on our hands and unfinished, and make an earnest appeal to the churches of this Association to give the material support so needed now to successfully carry on this work.

Respectfully submitted.

J. C. HORTON,
Chairman Executive Committee.

J. C. Horton and J. D. Brown presented the claims of Blowing Rock church.

Report adopted.

I. N. Copening and S. W. King took a collection for the benefit of Blowing Rock and received $3.17.

J. J. L. Sherwood agrees to pay $5.00 to the above named church.

C. R. Norris offered the following

RESOLUTION:

Resolved, 1. That this Association tender its thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of this community for their kindness and hospitality as manifested to the messengers and visitors through this session of the Association.

2. That we tender our thanks to the Valley Crucis, Shawnehaw and Elk Park Turnpike Companies for the opening of their gates for free travel over their road during this Association.

C. R. NORRIS,
C. S. FARTHING,
Committee.

Resolutions adopted.

Lewis W. Farthing moved that the Trustees who were appointed to dispose of the books belonging to the Association be empowered to make such price on said books as they may judge best.

The Committee on Old Ministers' Relief having been called away, the Clerk pesented the

REPORT ON OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF.

Your committee would request the churches of this Association not to forget our old ministers who have given their life service to preaching the Gospel and are no more able to support themselves, and ask all our churches to contribute to this worthy object. Send contributions to Walters Durham, Raleigh, N. C.

Respectfully submitted.

CLERK FOR THE COMMITTEE.

Report adopted.

A motion prevailed to adjourn to time and place.

The Moderator expresses his thanks to the Association for the courtesy shown him during the session.

John Crisp, by request of the Moderator, conducted the closing exercises. After having read the 41st Psalm J. F. Eller led in the closing prayer.

The Association sang "How Firm a Foundation," etc. The messengers extended to each other the parting hand.

Benediction by C. S. Farthing.

W. S. FARTHING, *Moderator.*

SMITH HAGAMAN, *Clerk.*

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Pastors Salary.	Building & Rep'rs	Poor.	Asso. Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphn'ge	Old Min. Relief.	Other Objects.
Antioch	80	20 81	8 15					1 50	1 00		
Bethel	2 25	70 27			4 25	10 00		17 19	8 51		11 09
Beaver Dam	1 05	60 00	14 50				3 30	52 30	2 76	2 88	
Bethany	75	25 00						1 50			
Beech Mountain	1 20	20 70							2 00		1 20
Boone	1 00					1 57				1 57	
Brushy Fork	2 00	60 00						5 00	1 32		12 75
Blowing Rock	50	50 00	63 87			1 32	1 50	1 67	2 38	1 52	
Cove Creek	1 50	75 00			2 57			9 54	4 42		
Cool Springs	1 45	18 50						2 00			
Clarks Creek	75	20 00						1 00	1 00		
Elk Valley	1 00	31 51	50 50					2 00	2 00		
Fall Creek	60	23 80						2 28	2 29		4 00
Forest Grove	85	36 00		5 00				10 77	3 08		
Flat Top	50	10 00									
Flat Springs	50	4 00	66 00								
Howards Creek	1 00	14 00	60 00								
Laurel Springs	1 31	67 05	3 50	64 50	2 10			10 00	5 00		1 06
Meat Camp	1 30	43 71	35 00			1 00			75		
Mount Calvery	1 00	48 00	400 00					2 00	2 15		
Mount Gilead	50	18 15					50	1 00	1 00		
Mount Lebanon	60	36 00						1 35			
Pleasant Grove	80	36 11						2 00	2 70		5 00
Pleasant Valley	1 00	36 17		3 00				3 00	4 00		12 00
South Fork	1 00	60 00						3 00			2 00
Shull's Mill	50	12 00							1 00		
Three Forks	2 00	98 00						15 00	5 34		10 00
Union	80	56 50						2 18	2 51		12 65
Zionville	1 00	59 86						15 30			20 45
Zion Hill	50	27 30									

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Churches.	Superintendents and their Post-offices.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. Scholars.	Total.	No. Schools.	Volumes in Library.	Quarlies and Papers used.	Months Kept Open.	Average Attendance.	No. Baptized from S. S.	School Expenses.	Paid Orphanage.
Antioch	W. J. Farthing, Watauga Falls, N. C	5	50	55	1	----	35	----	----	----	$1.40	------
Bethel	Lewis W. Farthing, Sweet Water, N. C., and W. H. Eller, Leander, N. C.	13	111	124	2	----	100	12	----	----	10.69	$10.90
Beaver Dam	J. R. Wilson, Reese, N. C	7	75	82	1	42	50	12	50	----	------	------
Bethany	L. M. Farthing, Matney, N. C	5	31	36	1	----	50	9	31	4	2.26	.57
Beech Mountain	James C. Church, Dark Ridge, N. C	4	40	44	1	----	47	4	35	3	1.85	------
Boone	D. D. Daugherty Boone, N. C	5	82	87	----	----	50	12	30	----	13.27	12.00
Brushy Fork	John E. Hayse, Hagaman, N. C	7	79	86	1	----	70	12	50	----	5.30	1.05
Cove Creek	W. M. Sherwood, Sugar Grove, N. C	9	68	77	1	----	----	12	48	8	6.00	------
Cool Spring	J. M. Elrod, Blowing Rock. N. C	6	50	56	----	----	81	6	40	----	2.00	1.25
Clark's Creek	G. W. Byrd, Valley Crucis, N. C	5	30	35	1	----	30	6	19	----	.75	1.04
Elk Valley	A. E. Norman, Hale, N. C	5	30	35	1	----	36	----	----	1	------	------
Fall Creek	W. M. Cannon, Dark Ridge, N. C	5	47	52	1	----	25	6	30	----	.60	------
Forest Grove	A. G. Storie, Forest, N. C	6	69	75	1	----	40	12	50	----	3.50	------
Flat Springs	James Younce, Whaley, N. C	5	42	47	1	----	32	9	30	----	------	------
Howard's Creek	B. F. Hodges, Boone, N. C	6	44	50	----	----	----	----	37	----	1.38	------
Laurel Springs	W. R. Moore, Rutherwood, N. C	5	80	85	1	----	68	10	45	3	2.50	------
Meat Camp	D. L. Greene, Benfield, N. C	8	62	70	1	----	54	----	----	----	2.02	------
Mt. Calvary	J. C. Chapel, Balm, N. C	6	75	81	1	----	64	9	52	----	3.00	------
Mt. Gilead	G. W. Younce. Beech Creek, N. C	6	56	62	1	----	45	6	52	----	4.00	------
Mt. Lebanon	L. H. Trivett, Hagaman, N. C	5	38	43	1	----	46	6	28	3	1.50	------
Pleasant Grove	E. H. Perry, Silver Stone, N. C	8	83	91	1	----	50	12	50	----	6.03	------
South Fork	W. N. Howel, Brookside. N. C	7	65	72	1	----	55	6	40	----	2.75	------
Shull's Mills	W. L. Winkler, Moody, N. C	5	25	30	1	----	24	3	20	----	2.00	------
Three Forks	L. N. Perkins, Boone, N. C	7	40	47	1	----	45	9	35	----	2.50	------
Union	G. C. Greer, Zionville, N C	7	75	82	1	----	75	12	55	----	6.00	------
Zionville	A. Roten, Zionville, N. C	9	95	104	1	----	75	12	49	1	4.48	------

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastors and Post-office.	Clerks and Post-office.	Ordained Ministers.	Added.			Lost.			Membership.			Time of Preaching.	Value of Church Property.	Seating Capacity.
				Baptized.	Letter.	Restored.	Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.			
Antioch	J. H. Farthing, Hattie	John Ward, Watauga Falls	---	---	2	---	1	4	4	72	77	149	1st	$575	300
Bethel	J. H. Farthing, Hattie	W. S. Farthing, Sweet Water	6	---	3	---	3	6	1	64	88	152	4th	500	350
Beaver Dam	L. A. Wilson, Tamarack	James R. Eggers, Reese	---	---	---	---	---	1	3	35	63	98	2d	500	300
Bethany	L. C. Wilson, Hattie	C. E. Welch, Matney	---	4	---	---	---	---	---	21	31	52	1st	300	200
Beech Mountain	David Greene, Whaley	W. C. Church, Dark Ridge	1	3	---	1	---	1	---	57	79	136	1st	500	300
Boone		W. L. Bryan, Boone	---	---	---	---	3	---	---	7	13	20	------	700	300
Brushy Fork	S. W. King, Balm	James H. Presnell, Hagaman	4	9	3	1	6	2	5	8	106	190	2d	500	500
Blowing Rock	I. W. Thomas, Lenoir	J. D. Brown, Blowing Rock	---	---	12	---	---	---	---	9	14	23	2d	------	----
Cove Creek	S. W. King, Balm	W. M. Sherwood, Sugar Grove	2	11	2	4	2	1	1	54	101	155	3d	1,000	500
Cool Spring	J. M. Payne, Blowing Rock	T. L. C. Hartley, Blowing Rock	1	5	2	---	1	---	1	36	45	81	2d	200	200
Clark's Creek	C. S. Farthing, Hattie	L. A. Lawrance, Valley Crucis	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	11	26	37	4th	------	----
*Elk Knob		J. M. South, Tamarack	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	19	44	63	------	------	----
Elk Valley	S. W. King, Balm	A. M. Johnson, Hale	---	2	9	---	---	2	---	21	41	62	4th	500	300
Fall Creek	G. W. Trivett, Watauga Falls	W. B. Norris, Hale	1	1	4	---	2	---	---	17	11	28	2d	------	----
Forest Grove	J. F. Eller, Sweet Water	Smith Hagaman, Forest	2	1	2	---	---	1	---	37	69	106	1st	300	250
Flat Top	E. D. Crisp, Upton	Wm. Elrod, Blowing Rock	---	---	1	1	4	---	---	6	17	23	4th	100	200
Flat Springs	David Greene, Whaley	John York, Whaley	1	8	1	---	---	---	2	25	28	53	3d	85	----
*Gap Creek		A. J. Welborn, Stony Fork	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	38	47	85	------	300	400
Howard's Creek	S. L. Fox, Hagaman	E. C. Brown, Sands	---	1	1	---	---	---	2	24	53	77	3d	------	----
Laurel Springs	L. C. Wilson, Hattie	Z. F. Watson, Rutherwood	3	7	---	2	6	2	3	64	114	178	4th	800	450
Meat Camp	L. A. Wilson, Tamarack	L. A. Greene, Norris	1	3	---	---	4	---	1	46	91	137	4th	400	----
Mt. Calvary	J. H. Farthing, Hattie	R. F. Marshall, Balm	1	---	---	---	---	1	---	26	47	73	2d	400	350
Mt. Gilead	Solomon Younce, Norris, Tenn	J. W. Meadows, Norris, Tenn	1	---	---	1	13	1	1	21	30	51	2d	------	----
Mt. Lebanon	S. W. King, Balm	J. D. Danner, Hagaman	---	5	---	---	2	---	---	16	32	48	1st	325	250
Pleasant Grove	David Greene, Norris	E. H. Perry, Silver Stone	---	1	2	3	---	2	2	68	116	184	4th	300	350
Pleasant Valley	W. M. Cannon, Whaley	J. H. Evans, Elk Park	---	16	2	4	---	3	1	42	75	117	4th	200	250
South Fork	J. J. L. Sherwood, Vilas	I. E. Duncan, Todd	1	6	3	---	4	---	---	54	64	118	3d	1,000	400
Shull's Mills	J. M. Payne, Blowing Rock	G. W. Robins, Shull's Mills	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	11	14	25	2d	400	350
*Sampson		S. E. Harrison, Penley	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	33	31	64	------	480	200
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Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Watauga County, N. C.
Tuesday August 29, 1905.

The Three Forks Baptist Association met this day in its Sixty-Fifth Annual Session in the house of worship of Pleasant Grove Church.

Singing was conducted by J. R. Isaacs. The congregation was led in prayer by D. S. Lee of Stony Fork Association.

S. W. King, appointed by last Association to preach the Introductory Sermon, not being present C. S. Farthing, his alternate read from 2nd and 3rd chapter of Phil. After a song, "All hail the power of Jesus name." B ro. Farthing delivered the Annual Sermon from the text: "That I may know Him; and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his Sufferings, being made conformable unto his death"—Phil. 3: 10.

At the conclusion of the sermon I. C. Miller of the Stony Fork Association, led in prayer. After singing the second Doxology, John Norris pronounced the benediction.

TUESDAY EVENING.

After an adjournment of one hour, during which dinner was served in the grove near by, the messengers assembled in the house.

The congregation sang, "Brethren we have met to worship." After a short talk by the Moderator relative to the blessings of the past year, the Asso was led in prayer byJ. F. Eller, invoking divine aid during the session of the Association.

By the directions of the Moderator, letters from the churches were presented, John Sherrill and I. G. Greer reading the same. Every church in the Association being represented by letter. During the reading of the letters the Moderator announced that J. J. L. Sherwood will preach at this hour in the grove near by. The term of office of the present officers of the Association having expired, a motion prevailed that J. F. Spainhour cast the vote of the Association for the present officers: W. S. Farthing Moderator, and Smith Hagaman Clerk. The Ballot was so cast.

Lewis Farthing moved that newly constituted

church or churches from other Associations be given an opportunity to unite with this. Rich Mountain a newly constituted church, presented a petitionary letter accompanyed by Articles of Faith, and was received into this body, the Moderator extending in behalf, of the Association the hand of fellowship to its messengers.

L. W. Farthing moved to extend an invitation to corespondents and visitors from sister Associations. The following were welcome to seats:

I. C. Miller from Stony Fork Association,
W. S. Greene from Stony Fork Association,
D. S. Lee from Stony Fork Association,
D. B. Baker from Watauga Association,
J. F. Spainhour from Catawba River Association.
W. H. Farthing from Holston Association,
W. H. H. Hartley from Caldwell County Association,
John Glen from Ashe County Association,
J. M. Arnold from Ashe County Association,
L. J. Sturgill from Ashe County Association.
W. R. Beech from Surry County Association
Dr. E. E. Bomar, Assistant Cor. Sec. Foreign Mission Bd. of Richmond, Va.

L. W. Farthing moved that the Moderator announce the necessary Committees, viz:

Baptist Orphanage—E. J. Norris, and Geo. W. Privett,
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Religious Exercises— Pastor and Messengers of Pleasant Grove Church,
State Missions —John Norris, and J. F. Spainhour,
State of the Churches— J. H. Farthing, David Green, Solomon Younce.

Obituaries— C. S. Farthing, John Crisp.
J. J. L. Sherwood, L. W. Farthing, J. J. T. Reese, and C. R. Norris,
Time and Place— I. G. Greer, John Sherrill, and W. M. Sherwood,
The Comm. on Religious Exercises reports—W. I. McReynolds to preach at 11 A. M. to-morrow, Dr. E. E. Bomar in the after noon.

E. H, Perry the Clerk of Pleasant Grove Church aided by the Pastor announced homes for the Messengers during the session.

G. W. Robins moved to adjourn to 9 A. M. to-morrow and devote one half hour to devotional exercises. Prayer by W. R. Beech of Surry County Association 'Tis religion that gives sweetest pleasures while we live. Benediction by John Crisp.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30.—Morning Session.

By request of the Moderator, Alexander Wilson conducted the morning exercises. After having read and commented on the 95th Psalm I. C. Miller of Stony Forks Association led in prayer. Devotional Exercises were further continued by prayer and singing the precious old songs of the Fathers.

Many of the Brethren repeated precious promises of the Bible.

The Moderator in the chair at 9:30, Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Roll of Messengers called and absentees stricken from the list.

W. I. McReynolds announced himself as a visitor from Watauga Association.

David Greene moved that A. Roten, J. J. T. Reese and G. W. Rowe be welcomed to seats in the Association.

A motion prevailed to change the Order of Business and hear the report on Foreign Missions. While waiting for the report, the Association sang, "Jesus I love thy Charming Name." L. CC. Wilson read the Report on Foreign Missions.

Never in the history of the Three Forks Association has the cause of Foreign Missions so pressed its claims upon the hearts of our people as to-day. The

bringing a lost world nearer our doors every day. China, Africa, Brazil in a word the lost nations of the earth are of a truth our neighbors. We know them to-day as we never knew them before. The characteristic and condition of the heathen are familiar things even to our children. The awful darknes through which the heathen are groping seems to hang as a dark curtain around our homes. In fact it can hardly be said that there is now such a thing as Foreign Mission, we are only separated by the great waters from teeming millions of lost souls who are starving for the Bread of life. Will we rise up in the strength of alwise God and with willing hearts be led by the Holy Spirit to send the message of eternal life to the ends of the earth. Many things which were only imaginations and conjectures by our fathers, in the great work of Missions in the past have become naked facts to us. We have many things to encourage. The Lord is surely verifying his promise to his people when he said: "The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of god." We are engaged in a glorious enterprise which is certain to succeed because it is God's work. It is already succeeding, its success is apparent. The Bible has been translated into the leading languages of the world and into hundreds of dialects. Colporteurs and Missionaries are laboring to place the Bible in the hands, and in the hearts of all people.

There is manifest growth of interest on the part of all people in Foreign Missions. The Baptist of the South though not yet fully awake to their duty are increasing in their zeal. This is evident from the following figures which have increased from $140 102,30 in 1900 to $283,415,88 in 1905. It is also shown by the number of Missionaries sent out—16 in the Convention year 1899-1900 and 50 in the Convention year 1904-5. Baptisms 2231. There are, also in the foreign fields 17 Missionaries 7 of whom are from North Carolina, who have gone out under what is known as the Gospel Mission Plan. There has also been an advance in the State. Last year the contribution $18,707,18, which was $1,146.53 over the previous year.

As we turn our eyes upon our people, what have we to say? Are we keeping in line with the great advance? We are glad to be able to say, as a rule, people believe in Foreign Missions.

Of the 30 churches of this Association all except eight reported something for Foreign Missions this year.

We earnestly hope that every church and every member of every church will during the coming year do something to send the gospel to the lost.

Without being censorious it is sereiusly doubtd whoehtre the "Three Forks Association" is doing her duty. The total contributions to Foreign Missions from all our churches last year were $181.52. Ought they not to be much larger? It is not possible for every church and every member of every church to do something for this great work? We recommend that earnest prayer be made for God's blessings upon the work and that he would help, each and every individual member to recognize the imperative duty laid upon them to give the gospel to the world.

We do hope that the time is near at hand when the contributions to Foreign Missions shall be greatly increased and that the world shall know and realize the fact that we are a Missionary People indeed.

Respectfully Submitted.

L. C. Wilson,
E. E. Bomar,
Committee.

E. J. Norris moved to adopt the above report.

L. C. Wilson discussed, briefly, the report. E. E. Bomar, D. D., Assistant Cor. Sec. Foreign Mission Bd. of Richmond, Va. spoke.

1st of his experience and impression of the Foreign Mission work:

2nd Of the function of the Foreign Mission Board, and expenses of the same, ammounting to a little less than ten per cent.

3rd The work of Missions in all Nations, and the open doors of the same.

4th The opening of the hearts of the people for the reception of the Gospel.

5th, The success of the preaching in the foreign fields.

6th About how the work is supported. Closing with prayer for the work and workers.

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The Messengers indicated the following amount for their respective churches for Foreeign Missions for the coming year.

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J. F. Spainhour read the

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee beg lief to submit the following While we have no school under our control andhave no special school to recommend, we believe in education— we urge it upon our people to arouse themselves to the education and proper training of their children.

J. F. Spainhour.

J. F. Spainhour urged the importance of training the intellect of all the people, in preparation for useful lives and citizens and christians.

Prof. J. O. Hill, of Mitchell County Association was recognized.

Adjourned for half hour.

EVENING SESSION.—SECOND DAY.

Prayer by J. S. Hill. The question of education still pending, L. C. Wilson spoke in behalf of "Wal-

nut Grove Institute" now building at Sugar Grove, N. C. D. S. Lee spoke on Ministerial Education. The Report was adopted.

J. F. Spainhour read the

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The object of State Missions is to build up the waste places and help the weak within the borders of our own beloved State. It is distinguished from Home Missions, which is intended to help preach the gospel and establish schools in the borders of the entire South— besides working in Cuba. And Foreign Missions, which is sending the gospel to foreign lands.

The duty of the State Missions is to see that the gospel is preached in destitute places, like our Cotton Communities, and to help struggling churches where they are not fully able to help themselves. The work is most worthy. Very many of the best churches like Hickory, Morganton and Lenoir have been helped by the State Board until they have become entirely self supporting.

If it were not for our State Board it would be impossible to provide preachers in new built towns and in newly settled or partially settled communities.

The State Board is composed of worthy men. Its Corresponding Secretary is Bro. Livingston Johnson, Raleigh, N. C. Its Treasurer is Walter Durham Raleigh, N. C. to whom all money for the organized work should be sent. This Association ought to do more for State Missions than it has been doing.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Norris,
J. F. Spainhour,
Committee.

J. F. Spainhour spoke of the State Mission work briefly . Report adopted.

C. J. Cotrell presented the

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMM.

To Three Forks Association 65th Session Brethren,

The undersigned for your Executive Committee beg

leave to report as follows, The only work that has been given special attention during the past year is aid to the Blowing Rock Church in building their new house of worship. This work is going on slowly but steadily and we trust the house will soon be ready to use for worship.

The house is now covered, enclosed and floored, with doors and windows in, and being painted outside.

We find from report of Chairman of the building Committee that the total amount of $867.67 has been received and applied to purchase of the lot and building expenses so far. Of this amount the sum of $338.83 is reported as special collections by the Associations and churches, and individual contributions by brethren, sisters and friends within the bounds of our Association. The remainder has been paid by the faithful and self sacrificing brethren, sisters and friends at Blowing Rock, and brethren in the bounds of our State Convention from the mountains to the seashore.

Our State Mission Board has aided this work again this year, by paying a portion of the pastor's salary, the church making up the balance.

Brother Thomas has been faithful, strong and efficient as a pastor, and under his wise care and leadership the church has steadily gained strength and influence contributing liberally to the various objects of our denominational work.

We rejoice in the progress made in this very important work, and earnestly trust that the brethren, and all friends will continue their interest and support until this splendid church building is finished and complete. Your Committee begs to recommend to the brethren of this Association that, if there are any points within our bounds, that need aid and encouragement, in building up their strength, or any places destitute of sound baptist influence, all such be reported to this committee, that the necessary steps may be taken to build up and strengthen every point within our bounds. J. C. HORTON, Chairman.
Respectfully Submitted for the Committee.

Brother Cotrell urges the Association to extend a little further help to Blowing Rock Church.

L. C. Wilson called the attention of the Association and its Executive Committee to the work at Rich Mountain Church. Report Adopted.

A motion prevailed that the Chairman call up such matters as are ready to be reported. G. W. Robins read the

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

Your Committee would request your churches not to forget our old Ministers who have given their life service to the gospel and are no longer able to support themselves, and ask all of our churches to contribute to this worthy object and send contributions to Walter Durham, Raleigh, N. C.

David Greene,
G. W. Robins,
Committee.

G. W. Robins, David Greene, J. F. Spainhour and John Norris spoke urgently for this object. Report Adopted.

THE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

to sell Association's Books, as follows—

The trustees appointed last Association to take charge of, and sell the books belonging to the Association submit the following report—viz:

We found books on hand to the amount of $50.47 and cash on hand, $5.42 making a total of $55.89.

We report books all sold after great effort, especially on old books, and cash is in the hands of the Trustees for the full amount of books sold and cash received $68.02. Making a net gain over the fund of $12.13.

C. S. Farthing,
Smith Hagaman,
J. J. T. Reese,
Trustees.

G. W. Robins moved that the increase of the Book Fund for the past year by the sale of the books be paid to those who sold the books. The Report was adopted.

L. W. Farthing moved that C. S. Farthing be Colporteur for the ensuing year. C. S. Farthing

moved that the Chairman appoint a Trustee for the Book Fund, and that the Colporteur give note to the Trustee for the money, said money to be paid back to Trustee when demanded by the Association. D. F. Horton was appointed trustee.

L. W. Farthing offered the

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee beg lief to submit the following report.

Realizing the importance of Sunday Schools we urges it upon the churches to see that a good Sunday School is kept open twelve months every year in each and every church in this Association.

L. W. Farthing,
D. F. Horton, *Committee.*

L. W. Farthing spoke of our advantages over former years in Sunday School work.

J. F. Spainhour spoke of our duty to give our children good reading matter and to lay them an example in attendance by ourselves attending. He stated that in his ten years experience as a prosecuting officer for the State, he never, to his knowledge, prosecuted a Sunday School Scholar.

W. R. Beech of Surry County Association spoke briefly of the Sunday School lessons in the Biblical Recorder, also continued the discussion of the Sunday School question , especially, as to interesting the people in the work.

L. H. Michael continued briefly the discussion. Report adopted.

Henderson Graybel from Ashe County Association, was recognized. J. C. Brown submits

THE REPORT ON FINANCE.

We your Committee on finance submit the following report—

Minute fund	$33.40
Foreign Mis. (Blaylock)	$62.84
Orphanage	$26.73
State Mission	$2.24
Total	$125.21

John C. Brown,
Ben. J. Council, *Committee.*

Report adopted. The Committee on Religious Exercises report: Solomon Younce to preach tomorrow morning. W. R. Beech of Surry County Association to follow.

By unanimous consent W. R. Beech presented briefly the claims of the Biblical Recorder.

A motion prevailed to adjourn to 9 o'clock tomorrow morning and devote 30 minutes to devotional exercises. "My Christian Friends in Bonds of Love" was sung, the congregation standing. Benediction by W. H. Michael.

THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 31.

W. Swift conducted a song service after which J. H. Farthing read and commented on the 14th chapter of John—leading in earnest prayer for the Lord's blessings on the churches and their Pastors in the coming year.

An opportunity being given for the Brethren to express themselves, a number spoke of their hopes and prospects in this and the future life.

The Moderator declared the Association ready for business at 9: 30.

Minutes of yesterday read.

W. N. Cook announced himself a visitor from Caldwell County Association.

W. I. McReynolds read the

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We cannot over estimate the importance of Home Missions, because our home fields are a part of them—are the receivers of foreigners that are continually landing on our shores, and we as christian people and followers of our Lord Jesus Christ, should be ready to receive them and point them to the Saviour of sinners as soon as they land on our shores.

We have some Missionaries at work, but we need more of them; and the demand for laborers is greater now than ever before. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest, that he will send more laborers into the harvest, for the fields are white and all ready,

J. F. Eller,
W. I. McReynolds,
Committee.

W. I. McReynolds spoke to the report.

The time having arrived for preaching in the grove, the Association stood and sang "Amazing Grace" while the audience, not Messengers passed out.

J. F. Eller urged the Brethren to take some paper or journal, giving information on the Home Mission work in order that we may be more interested in the work.

W. H. Michael and John Norris continued the discussion.

A motion to limit all speeches to ten minutes, was carried.

I. C. Miller observes that those who love one department of the Mission work usually loves all.

J. J. T. Reese spoke of the different departments of Missions as merely for convenience, and not a difference in importance.

Report adopted.

C. R. Norris of the Committee Submits the

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The growth of temperance conviction and the growth of temperance among the people is most gratifying. This growth is actual. We are building in this work on the foundation laid by heroic pioneers who braved redicule and abuse to bring about the conditions toward which we are rapidly approaching in this State. Since the meeting of the Baptist State Convention at Winston in 1901, when a standing committee was appointed, on Temperence, and which resulted in the formation of the Anti Saloon League of the State there has been wonderful progress as is shown by the following approximate figures:

Saloons December 1, 1901 in the State - - - - - - 400
Salons December 1, 1904 in the State- - - - - - - - 150
Grain Distilleries December 1, 1901 in the State 400
Grain Distilleries December 1 1904 in the State 78

Most of this gain came as a result of the agressive work of the Anti Saloon League. On 19th of Aug. 1905 there was organized an "Anti Liquor League" in the Court House at Boone. The object of this organization is to unite the friends of Temperance in

Watauga County that they may be better prepared to prosecute the work of Temperance among our people. We believe in total prohibition as the final solution of the whiskey question in our State, and urge our people to work for a speedy accomplishment of this aim. The saloon and distillery stand as the open enemies of righteousness and peace. Their procession of death and disgrace is enough to awaken the zeal of every man who loves mankind for which Christ died. We very cordially recommend that our baptist people give their hearty support to the perfecting of the "Anti Saloon League" and do all in their power to help carry out its aims and purposes.

C. R. NORRIS.

C. R. Norris spoke to the report—Commending the "Anti Liquor League" of Watauga County which has just been organized. A. Roten also spoke commendingly of the above named league. J. T. Reese urges that we in no light or careless way give drinkers any encouragement. C. J. Cotrell asks that all attend the meeting of the "Anti Liquor League." David Greene spoke of the gain of the Temperance Cause in the bounds of this Association. I. C. Miller and J. H. Farthing continued the discussion.

EVENING SESSION—LAST DAY.

"What Wonderous love ," led by J. R. Isaacs. Prayer by E. J. Norris.

L. C. Wilson offered the following resolution in connection with the resolutions offered by the Committee.

Resolution 1st,— Resolved, That the Three Forks Association now in session express her appreciation of the action of the Ashe County Association in the manner in which she has disposed of what is known as the "Johnson Heresy" and the noble spirit that has manifested in keeping alive and perpetuating that spirit of love and fellowship beetween us, which has been very dear to us. With open arms and willing hearts do we welcome the noble representatives from this body and hope that your number may be multiplyed; and further hope that mutual love and fel-

lowship may be the heritage of us all.

Respectfully Submitted.—

L. C. WILSON.

Resolution 2nd,— Resolved, That this Association tender its thanks to the Brethren, Sisters and Friends of this community for their kindness and hospitality as shown to the Messengers and visitors who convened with this church to hold council together for the advancement for the kingdom of God.

Wm. Elrod,
I. C. Miller,
Committee.

John Glen, L. J. Sturgill and J. M. Arnold extend a hearty invitation for the brethren of this Association to attend the Ashe County Association.

THE REPORT ON CORRESPONDENTS.

Your Committee on Correspondents respectfully recommend the following apointments:

To Southern Baptist Conv., L. W. Farthing, J. C. Horton.

To State Convention— W. S. Farthing, W. C. Coffey and L. C. Wilson.

To Brushy Mountain Association—John W. Hodges, C. S. Farthing.

To Holston Association— J. H. Farthing, Smith Hagaman.

To Mitchell County Association— David Greene, I. N. Copening, C. S. Farthing andJohn Norris.

To New River Association— Alexander Wilson, L. N. Perkins

To Ashe County Association— Asa Brown, A. Roten, David Greene J. F. Eller.

To Watauga Association— T. P. Adams, G. P. Sherrill, J. C. Brown, J. F. Eller.

To Stony Fork Association— J. F. Eller, J. J. L. Sherwood, Wm. Elrod.

To Caldwell County Association— J. D. Brown and J. C. Brown.

We also recommend the following Brethren for Executive Committee for the coming year:

J. C. Horton, Smith Hagaman, J. H. Mast W. S. Farthing and L. N. Perkins.

We also recommend W. C. Coffey as a member of State Mission Board.

Respectfully Submitted.

C. J. Cotrell
John W. Hodges,
Committee.

Report adopted. J. J. T. Reese offered the following

OBITUARY OF D. C. HARMON.

Among those of our Brethren and sisters who have gone to their final reward in Glory is Elder D. C. Harmon, who was born April 17, 1826, and departed December 23, 1904. He joined the Baptist church at Cobbs Creek, Tenn. under the ministry of Eld. Jas. Stone when only a youth. He afterwords moved his membership to Antioch Church in which he was ordained to the full work of the Ministry. He for more than fifty years preached to the churches in Watauga, Mitchell and adjoining counties. He was elected for some sessions, Moderator of the Three Forks Association, and served many times as their Clerk.

This is an age of Monuments. No man of distinction now dies but has a marble shaft erected at the grave to mark his resting place; but our brother Harmon so labored and lived, that the religious impression on the hearts of the people was grander than that written on marble. Amid all the mistakes that flesh is heir to there was a rare luster shining from a gem in his heart that all the good and true of God's children loved. We should all emulate his faith. When others seemed to cower in a trying time when principle was involved, brother Harmon would come to the front alone and contend for what he thought to be right. He preferred principle to popularity. When our faith and doctrines have been assailed even by men in point of education were his superiors and our people were being led away by heretical doctrines brother Harman like the great apostle Paul while beholding the idolatry of ancient Athens; "His spirit was stirred within him"—would rise up in defense of the 'faith once delivered to the saints.'

Eternity alone can tell the worth of a faithful man,

but God in all ages has had some like Brother D. C. Harman who have held out faithful to the end, and in the great Crowning Day will receive a crown promised in Rev., 2nd chapter and 10th, verse.

J. J. L. Sherwood,
J. J. T. Reese,
C. S. Farthing,
Committee.

J. J. T. Reese spoke of the great life work of the subject, especially, of the strong force of character and determination to be right. C .S. Farthing spoke of his faithfulness to his churches —always at his appointments, and of his strong defense of the Faith. J. H. Farthing, A. Roten, John Crisp, L. W. Farthing and E. J. Norris spoke of his strong force of character as a citizen and christian. L. W. Farthing read the following

OBITUARY OF A. J. HARMON.

Brother A. J. Harmon was born abont the year 1833. He was married to Elizabeth Roland about the year 1855 by whom he had four children, three of which still survive him. Bro. Harmon professed faith in Christ and joined the Baptist church at Antioch about the year 1857.

He entered the ministry about the year 1867. Bro. Harmon was one of the members of which Zion Hill Church was constituted. He remained one of the pillars of that church during his stay among men. Brother Harmon lived a consistent member and a minister of the gospel and was ever noted for his honesty and piety. He was an earnest worker in the Master's cause, ever laboring for the Master's kingdom. Many persons were converted under his preaching. We often hear it said that Bro. Harmon did a work in his community that no other could have done. Bro. Harmon seemed conscious that his departure was at hand and made all necessary preparations for his families' comfort. He then said that he was at heavens gate; then bade all present, farewell as affectionately as if he was going on a journey to re-

turn again. He then placed himself steadily in his chair and breathed his last.

L. W. Farthing,
John Crisp,
C. R. Crisp,
Committee.

L. C. Wilson, John Crisp, L. W. Farthing, J. F. Eller, J. H. Farthing spoke of the life and labors of A. J. Harmon.

The two foregoing obituaries were odopted. E. J. Norris read the

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

We look with pride to the Baptist Orphanage locatd at Thomasvile, N. C., as a home for the unfortnnate, bereft and left without father or mother.

How important that the Baptist principles be impressed upon the young minds and what great responsibilities rest on the Baptist of this section to give freely of their means to support this institution. We are proud of the liberal support this institution has received from the churches in the past yar.

Let us look to the future with greater zeal to do more in the department of the Lord's work than ever before.

E. J. Norris,
G. W. Trivett.

E. J. Norris spoke of the report hurriedly W. R. Beech said we had at present 310 children at the Orphanage, states further that there is a debt of between $10.000 and $12.000 on the Orphanage at the present time.

Report adopted.

Amount to try to raise during the coming year for the Orphanage.

Antioch	$2..00	Meat Camp	$1.00
Howards Creek	2 col.	Mt. Gillead	2 col.
Bethel	$10.00	Pleasant Valley	1 col.
Beaver Dam	2 collect'ns	Pleasant Grove	2 col.
Beech Mtn.	$1.00	Shulls Mills	$1.00
Cove Creek	$5.00	Three Forks	$5.00
Clarks Creek	$1.00	Zionville	$5.00

Fall Creek	$1.00	Rich Mountain	$2.00
Forrest Grove	$3.00	Laurel Springs	$5.00

Many of the Messengers had left when the churches were called, hence, the small number responding.

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE.

We your Committee on time and place, recommend that next session be held with Shulls Mills Church, beginning on Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August 1906., and that J. J. L. Sherwood preach the Introductory sermon, and L. A.Wilson to be his alternate.

Respectfully Submitted.

Isaac Green
W. M. Sherwood
John Sherrill
Committee.

Report on State of Churches adopted.

A motion prevailed to adjourn to time and place. John Crisp, by request of the Moderator conducted the closing exercises. After reading the 23rd. Psalm prayer by Bro. Crisp.

"My Christian Friends in Bonds of Love," was sung while the parting hand was extended.

Benediction by J. H. Farthing.

W. S. FARTHING, Moderator.
SMITH HAGAMAN, Clerk.

Correspondents report as follows, John Norris and J. F. Eller visited Ashe County Association, Report received as satisfactory.

D. F. Horton presents his

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Bal. in Treasury at Association 1904 - - - - - -	$ 6.64
Received at Association 1904 - - - - - -	113.66
Rec'd Association Cove Creek Church Blaylock	13.00
Received for Blowing Rock Church- - - - - - - - -	3.25
Received for Orphanage at Thomasville- - - - -	2.75
Received Brushy Fork Church for Blaylock - - -	5.55
Rec'd of Brushy Fork Sunday School for Orph.	3.43
Rec'd of Forrest Grove Church for Blaylock	15.87
Rec'd of Pleasant Grove Church for Blaylock	6.33
Rec'd of Shulls Mills Church for Orphanage	1.00

Rec'd of Clarks Creek Church for Orphanage 1.00
172.50
Paid Clerk of Association for service - - - - - - - $ 7.50
To J. D. Moore for Mission (Blaylock) - - - 63.11
To J. B. Clark for Blowing Rock Church - - - -5.35
To Orphanage at Thomasville- - - - - - - - - - - - 32.94
To Edwards Broughton & Co.,for printing - - - - 22.61
To Walter Durham, Treas. Foreign Missions - 16.25
To Walter Durham Treas. for State Mission - - 6.00
Left in Treasury - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 18.74
Total- - - - - - - - - $172.50

Respectfully Submitted.

D. F. HORTON Treas.
Vilas, N. C.

Report of Treasurer adopted. A motion prevailed to make D. F. Horton Treasurer for the ensueing year.

On motion the Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of minutes.

REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Your Committee would beg to state that we find in our churches something to encourage us. They are all steadfast in the doctrine of the Bible, and while all her members do not live up to the high standard of their priviliges as christians, yet they love and cherish the truth. It is true that many are not indoctrinated as we desire they should be, and we think this comes principally from a lack of reading the word of God as much as it should be read, yet after all, we have a noble band of brethren and sisters and for such we should thank the Lord.

We believe within the last year our pastors have been paid some better than last year in the whole. We have not gathered the numerical strength that we desire, but we are hoping that God will visit his Bride with an outporing of his Spirit in his own good time.

David Greene,
J. H. Farthing,
Committee.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Pastors Salary.	Building and repairs.	Incidentals.	Poor.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Old Ministers Relief.	Other Objects.
Antioch	$1.00	$32.86	.....	$10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	$2.75	$.85	.....	.....
Bethel	2.25	60.00	.....	3.25	.....	$4.00	$5.65	$3.00	15.00	10.00	$3.00	$14.93
Beaver Dam	1.15	83.97	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.94	56.73	2.67	2.10	3.65
Bethany	.75	25.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	2.00	.....	.....
Beach Mountain	1.00	36.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.19	.....	.....	.....
Boone	1.00	75.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.90	.....	.....	.....
Brushy Fork	1.60	72.00	.....	13.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.55	1.81	.....	.....
Blowing Rock	.50	50.00	$247.87	1.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.07	3.18	.....	.....
Cove Creek	1.00	80.00	.....	.....	.....	2.96	.....	.....	13.02	4.03	2.75	.....
Coal Springs	1.40	17.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clarks Creek	.50	20.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elk Knob	.50	15.75	1.10	.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.26	1.00	.....	.....
Elk Valley	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.35
Fall Creek	.75	32.14	.....	.....	$20.00	.....	.....	.....	2.00	4.00	.....	.....
Forest Grove	1.00	45.00	.....	7.40	7.00	.....	.....	.....	2.35	3.00	.....	.....
Flat Top	.40	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.90	3.48	2.00	1.00
Flat Springs	.35	6.00	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gap Creek	1.25	25.00	4.00	.....	.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	.40	.....	.....
Howards Creek	1.00	5.00	53.00	7.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	1.25	.....	.....
Laurel Springs	1.50	94.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.24	.....	6.40	1.00	.....	.....
Meat Camp	1.03	11.40	650.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.03	5.00	.....	.....
Mt. Calvary	1.00	48.00	300.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	1.78	.....	.....
Mt. Gilead	.77	26.85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.76	.....	53.00
Mt. Lebanon	.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	17.50
Pleasant Grove	.71	40.23	109.09	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....
Pleasant Valley	1.00	40.80	.....	.....	8.75	.....	.....	.....	6.33	2.70	.....	.....
Rich Mt.	1.00	15.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50	1.50	2.35	3.00	.....	.....
South Fork	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50	1.50	.....	.....
Shulls Mills	.55	25.00	.....	2.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	5.66	.....	.....
Sampson	.75	32.00	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	1.00	1.00	.....	.....
Three Forks	1.25	70.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.23	.....	.....
Union	.72	58.82	.....	.....	1.75	.....	5.00	.....	15.00	5.80	.....	13.00
Zionville	.88	80.00	.....	1.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.03	1.75	.....	17.15
Zion Hill	.75	25.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.28	5.00	.....	4.72
Total	32.06	1253.82	1370.06	57.05	41.50	7.96	15.39	13.44	182.64	78.85	9.85	131.30

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.—Post-offices.	CLERKS.—Post-offices.	Baptised.	Letter.	Restored.	Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Time Preaching.	Value of Church property.	Seating capacity.
Antioch	J. H. Farthing, Hattie, N. C.	John Ward, Watauga Falls, N. C.	1	3	..	..	1	2	74	76	150	1	$575	300
Bethel	J. H. Farthing, Hattie, N. C.	W. S. Farthing, Sweet Water, N. C.	1	..	..	8	5	2	56	79	135	4	1000	350
Beaver Dam	L. A. Wilson, Tamarack, N. C.	C. B. Reese, Reese, N. C.	1	..	..	3	2	..	35	59	94	2	500	300
Bethany	G. W. Trivett, Watauga Falls, N. C.	J. L. Triplet, Matney, N. C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	29	48	1	300	200
Beech Mt.	Solomon Younce, Butler, Tenn.	W. C. Church, Dark Ridge, N. C.	2	..	..	2	6	1	49	80	129	1	500	300
Boone	J. J. L. Sherwood, Sugar Grove, N. C.	W. L. Bryan, Boone, N. C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	8	14	22	3	500	300
Brushy Fork	Sidney King, Balm, N. C.	James H. Presnell, Vilas, N. C.	9	4	2	4	7	6	78	111	189	2	500	400
Blowing Rock	L. W. Thomas, Lenoir, N. C.	J. D. Brown, Blowing Rock, N. C.	..	2	..	2	..	1	8	14	22	2	....	350
Cove Creek	S. W. King, Balm, N. C.	W. M. Sherwood, Sugar Grove, N. C.	..	..	2	5	2	3	50	97	147	3	800	500
Cool Springs	G. W. Trivett, Watauga Falls, N. C.	C. C. Winkler, Blowing Rock, N. C.	3	..	..	1	..	1	35	47	82	2	200	200
Clarks Creek	C. S. Farthing, Hattie, N. C.	Joel Eggers, Valle Crucis, N. C.	1	..	..	1	..	..	11	25	36	4	150	300
Elk Knob	David Greene, Zionville, N. C.	J. M. South, Tamarack, N. C.	7	2	2	..	1	1	23	39	62	2	300	240
Elk Valley	J. F. Eller, Sweet Water, N. C.	A. M. Johnson, Hale, N. C.	..	..	..	3	3	2	17	37	54	4	500	400
Fall Creek	David Greene, Whaley, . C.	W. B. Norris, Hale, N. C.	1	2	..	..	..	1	18	12	30	2	....	....
Forest Grove	J. F. Eller, Sweet Water, N. C.	Smith Hagaman, Sweet Water, N. C.	6	1	..	3	5	1	39	67	106	1	400	300
Flat Top	C. S. Farthing, Hattie, N. C.	Wm. Elrod, Blowing Rock, N. C.	..	..	..	9	..	..	5	16	21	1	....	....
Flat Springs	D. A. Greene, Whaley, N. C.	C. E. York, Whaley, N. C.	3	..	..	2	..	..	26	28	54	3	90	....
Gap Creek	C. M. Mikel, Hopkins, N. C.	A. J. Welborn, Stony Fork, N. C.	3	..	..	5	..	1	37	49	86	1	500	300
Howards Creek	L. C. Wilson, Hattie, N. C.	Elbert C. Brown, Moretz, N. C.	..	..	..	..	3	2	22	50	72	3	....	....
Laurel Springs	L. A. Wilson, Tamarack, N. C.	Z. T. Watson, Virgil, N. C.	1	1	..	1	2	4	59	114	173	4	800	450
Meat Camp	David Greene, Zionville, N. C.	L. A. Greene, Moretz, N. C.	..	..	..	7	1	2	44	85	129	1	650	400
Mt. Calvary	J. H. Farthing, Hattie, N. C.	R. F. Marshall, Balm, N. C.	4	4	..	..	2	..	25	55	80	2	700	350
Mt. Gilead	J. F. Eller, Sweet Water, . C.	J. W. Meadows, Norris, Tenn.	18	4	5	9	..	1	41	32	73	2	....	....
Mt. Lebanon	Edmon Greene, Hagaman, N. C.	L. H. Trivett, Vilas, N. C.	14	..	2	1	1	..	23	38	61	1	325	250
Pleasant Grove	David Greene, Zionville, N. C.	E. H. Perry, Zionville, N. C.	11	6	4	15	3	2	80	109	189	4	450	300
Pleasant Valley	G. W. Trivett, Watauga Falls, N. C.	J. H. Evans, Elk Park, N. C.	12	1	..	2	5	1	57	81	138	4	200	300
Rich Mt.	L. C. Wilson, Hattie, N. C.	W. E. Beech, Boone, N. C.	7	4	..	..	..	..	15	23	38	2	....	....
South Fork	.....	L. E. Duncon, Todd, N. C.	..	..	..	1	..	1	52	62	114	..	....	....
Shulls Mills	C. S. Farthing, Hattie, N. C.	G. W. Robins, Shulls Mills, N. C.	..	1	..	2	..	1	10	15	25	3	500	350
Sampson	J. P. Hagaman, Boone, N. C.	S. E. Harrison, Penley, N. C.	4	5	1	1	1	1	36	35	71	1	280	200
Three Forks	J. J. L. Sherwood, Sugar Grove, N. C.	H. Neil Blair, Boone, N. C.	..	..	1	4	2	1	42	71	113	2	400	500
Union	L. A. Wilson, Tamarack, N. C.	G. C. Greer, Zionville, N. C.	11	..	..	7	..	2	60	81	141	1	400	400
Zionville	Solomon Younce, Butler, Tenn.	A. Roten, Zionville, N. C.	..	5	..	2	3	5	69	110	179	2	800	500
Zion Hill	D. H. Greene, Whaley, N. C.	J. R. Trivett, Trivett. N. C.	..	1	..	6	1	2	22	35	55	4	....	....

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SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.—Post-offices.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. Scholars.	Total.	No. Schools.	Quarterlies and papers taken.	Months kept open.	Average atendance.	No. Baptisms, school.	Expenses.
Antioch	W. J. Farthing, Watauga Falls, N. C.	5	60	65	1	30	6	....	....	.....
Bethel	W. H. Eler, Leander, N. C., and Lewis W. Farthing, Sweetwater, N. C.	14	118	132	2	109	12	....	1	12.25
Beaver Dam	J. R. Wilson, Reese, N. C.	7	75	82	1	50	12	48	1	8.00
Bethany	L. J. Mikeal, Matney, N. C.	5	50	55	1	.....	...	30	...	2.00
Beach Mountain	G. W. McGuire, Dark Ridge, N. C.	10	78	88	1	87	6	51	...	2.97
Boone	D. D. Dougherty, Boone, N. C.	3	63	69	1	60	12	23	...	7.32
Brushy Fork	L. M. Trivett, Hagaman, N. C.	7	100	107	1	80	12	47	8	7.60
Cove Creek	D. F. Horton, Vilas, N. C.	9	65	74	1	....	12	40	...	.....
Coal Springs	A. P. Bolick, Blowing Rock, N. C.	5	50	55	1	75	6	39	...	2.00
Clarks Creek	Hardy M. Bird, Valle Crucis, N. C.	5	48	53	1	16	9	22	1	1.31
Elk Knob	D. B. Clark, Tamarack, N. C.	8	60	68	1	53	6	40	...	2.35
Elk Valley	J. R. Triplet, Hale, N. C.	5	65	70	1	40	...	52	...	.....
Fall Creek	James Hodges, Whaley, N. C.	5	53	58	1	30	6	43	...	.65
Forest Grove	Ray Dotson, Sweet Water, N. C.	8	100	108	1	50	12	60	3	3.50
Flat Springs	J. W. Trivett, Dark Ridge, N. C.	5	40	45	1	34	6	30	...	1.00
Gap Creek	J. R. Trivett, Hopkins, N. C.	5	98	103	1	60	6	76	...	3.00
Howards Creek	E. J. Norris, Sands, N. C.	4	34	38	1	36	...	22	...	1.10
Laurel Springs	W. R. Moore, Rutherwood, N. C.	5	155	160	4	95	6	115	...	3.30
Meat Camp	C. R. Norris, Sands, N. C.	5	40	45	1	40	5	30	...	1.75
Mt. Calvary	J. C. Chapel, Balm, N. C.	7	39	46	1	60	8	30	...	2.88
Mt. Gilead	G. W. Phillips, Beech Creek, N. C.	6	60	66	2	36	12	50	...	1.46
Mt. Lebanon	L. H. Trivett, Vilas, N. C.	6	62	68	1	48	6	45	...	2.17
Pleasant Grove	J. R. Isaacs, Mast, N. C.	8	70	78	1	30	12	65	11	3.00
Pleasant Valley	W. T. Hampton, Elk Park, N. C.	3	40	43	1	30	3	30	...	.....
Rich Mt.	A. B. Greene, Zionville, N. C.	7	67	74	1	22	12	41	2	1.65
South Fork	L. E. Duncan, Todd, N. C.	6	50	56	1	50	...	.....	...	2.50
Shulls Mills	G. W. Robins, Shulls Mills, N. C.	6	51	57	1	144	6	40	...	5.25
Sampson	W. T. Fox, Penley, N. C.	4	56	60	1	12	6	.....	...	.30
Three Forks	L. N. Perkins, Boone, N. C.	7	45	52	1	60	9	35	...	.....
Union	J. M. Hodges,	7	60	67	1	60	9	45	11	3.60
Zionville	A. Roten, Zionville, N. C.	8	70	78	1	70	12	48	...	5.60
Total		103	2022	2125	36	1567	...	1197	38	86.51

Antioch, paid Orphanage, $21.35; S. S. Missions, $1.35. Boone, paid Orphanage, $9.38. Brushy Fork, Orphanage, $1.62. Beaver Dam, volumes in library, 42. Coal Springs, S. S. Missions, $1.10. Mt. Calvary, Orphanage, 2.47.

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South Fork— Letter but no messenger present.
Shull's Mills— J. C. Shull, J. S. Reed, G. W. Robbins.
Simpson— S. E. Harrison, W. T. Fox.
Three Forks— L. N. Perkins, J. C. Brown.

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THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION 1906.

Shull's Mills Church,
Watauga County N. C.
August 28, 1906.

The Three Forks Baptist Association convened this day in its Sixty-sixth annual session in the house of worship of Shull's Mills church. After singing conducted by W. Swift, David Greene of Flat Springs church read 33 verses of 1st chapter of Luke and led in prayer. J. J. L. Sherwood who was appointed by last association to preach the Introductory not being present, neither his alternate the sermon was preached by David Greene from the text "Thou shalt call his name Jesus for he shall save his people from their sins." Mathew 1-21. The theme of the sermon was Jesus as represented in joy, eternal life, satisfied or assurance and united The congregation sang "Jesus lover of my soul." Benediction by John Norris. Adjourned for the hour.

After an adjournment of one hour during which time dinner was served on the grounds, the messengers assembled in the house W. Swift conducted singing. The Moderator requested A. Roten to lead in prayer especially for the presence of the Holy Spirit during the entire session.

Letter from the different churches were presented by their messengers. L. W. Farthing moved that the letters be refered to a committee on Digest of Letters, without reading.

The term of office of the present officers having expired, Wm. Elrod moved that A. Roten cast the ballot of the association for the present officers viz: W. S. Farthing, Moderator, Smith Hagaman, Clerk.

Lewis W. Farthing moved that an opportunity be given churches from other associations or newly constituted churches to unite with this associaton. Middle Fork and Timbered Ridge newly constituted churches presented petitionary letters. After the same were read. L. W. Farthing moved that the two churches be received into the fellowship of this association.

The Mod. extended the hand of fellowship to their messengers.

L. C. Wilson moved that corespodents and visiting brethren from sister associations be invited to seats in this association. No one responded.

L. W. Farthing moved that A. Roten be invited to a seat in the association.

J F. Eller moved that the chair announce the necessary committees. They were announced and amended during the session as follows.

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE---- A. J. Gambill, L. C. Wilson.
TEMPERANCE---- John Norris, A. Roten.
PASTORAL SUPPORT-- L. N. Perkins, J. C. Horton, L. W. Farthing
EDUCATION---- D. D. Dougherty, I. G. Greer.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS---- E. J. Norris, A. Roten.
HOME MISSIONS---- C. S. Farthing, L. C. Wilson.
CORRESPONDENTS--- William. Elrod, John Brown.
R SOLUTIONS---- J. F. Eller, L. A. Greene.
FINANCE- - J. W. Meadows, Charles Mast, L. M. Farthing.
OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF--- David Greene Sr., J. M. Payne.
RELIGIOUS EXERCISES--- Geo. Roten with messengers of Shull's Mills church.
STATE MISSIONS--- L. C. Wilson, Z. T. Watson.
FOREIGN MISSION--- J. H. Farthing, G. W. Robbins, J. F. Eller.
STATE OF CHURCHES- John Crisp, David Greene, L. W. Farthing.
DIGEST OF LETTERS-- Wm. Eldrod, Z. T. Watson, J. D. Brown.
TIME & PLACE- - L. W. Farthing, David Greene jr., E. J. Norris.

Wm. Elrod moved that a committee be appointed on Queries.
Committee on Queries-- J. H. Farthing, J. F. Eller, John Crisp, David Greene sr.

G. W. Robbins moved that Geo. Roten be invited to a seat in the Association.

John Crisp moved that a committee on arrangements be appointed.
Committee on Arrangements-- C. S. Farthing, L. A. Greene, with Moderator and Clerk.

Lewis Farthig moved that corespondents who were appointed at the last association to visit sister associations report at this juncture. C. S. Farthing attended Stony Fork and Mitchell Co. associations. L. W. Farthing, Mitchell Co. association. A. Roton, Ashe Co. association. Wm. Elrod, Stony Fork association. John Crisp, Stony Fork association. John Norris, Stony Fork association. W. S. Farthing, Watauga association.

J. C. Shull, for the common Relegious Exercise, states that J. W. Farthing will preach on to morrow at 11 o'clock A. M. and David Greene Sr. 1 o'clock P. M.

John Norris moved that the association adjourn to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning and spend one half hour in devotional exercises.

The moderator insists that the association be prayerful during the session. W. Swift led in prayer.

G. W. Robbins, of the committee on Hospetality, announced homes for the messengers during the session.

The association sang "Nearer my God to thee." Benediction by L. C. Wilson.

SECOND DAY, MORNING SESSION.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The Clerk read the following:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1 st Call Roll of Messengers and Mark Absentees.
2 ond Report on Foreign Missions.
3 d Report on State Mission.
4 th Report on Home Missions.
5 th Report on Sunday Schools.
6 th Report on Pastoral Support.
7 th Report on Finance.
8 th Report of Colporteur.
9 th Appoint Colporteur.
10 th Report on Education.
11 th Report on Temperance.
12 th Report on Baptist Orphanage.
13 th Report on Old Ministers Relief.
14 th Report on Digest of Letters.
15 th Report on the State of the Churches.
16 th Report of Committee on Queries.
17 th Report of Treasurer.
18 th Appointment of Treasurer.
19 th Report of Coresponding Messengers.
20 th Report of Committee on Corespondents.
21 th Report on Time, Place and Preacher for Next Association
22 th Appoint Some One to Superintend Printing and Distributing of Minuts.
23 th Report of Committee on Resolutions.
24 th Miscellanious Business. — Committee.

L. C. Wilson moved to change the order of business so as to make Foreign, State, and Home Missions a spicial order for 10 o'clock to-morrow morning and that they be discussed together.

G. W. Robbins moved that W. H. Calaway be invited to a seat in the association.

The Roll of Messengers was called and those absent were erased.

E. J. Norris read the

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We as committee submit the following: We are proud of the increased interest of the Sunday Schools of the Three Forks Association in the past year. We beleive that all of our churches have a good Sunday School, and many are evergreen Sunday Schools.

Let us do all we can in the coming year to increase the work of the Sunday School for the time has come when our people should read the word of the Lord so as to meet the opposing forces.

E. J. Norris,

A. Roten, Com.

E. J. Norris urges a close study of the Lord's word that we may be prepared to meet the demands of the present times.

A. Roten continued the discussion uttering warnings of the direful results of our neglect to teach our people the pure word.

D. S. Lee spoke of benficial feature of vocal music in the Sunday School work. C. S. Farthing spoke of the various phases of the report. The moderator spoke of the very great need of better equipped teachers — teachers who know God's word and who are consecrated and prepared spiritually to impress the lessons also, further of the importance of a better literary preparation. John Norris spoke of the responsibility of a teacher Report adopted.

C. S. Farthing presents his

REPORT AS COLPORTEUR.

I gave my note with security to the Treasurer of the association for the amount of money left in my hands. I have been buying and selling books during the year. I have a lot of books on hand.

Respectfully,

C. S. Farthing, Colporteur.

Report Approved.

E. J. Norris moved to continue C. S. Farthing as Colporteur.

I. G. Greer read the

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee

beg liet to submit the following: We as Baptist people are in favor of education. We urge our people to support the public schools in every way possible. We advise careful inspection of the high schools and a patronage of those deemed worthy For ministers and those preparing for the ministry we highly recommend Wake Forest college at Wake Forest N. C. For young men desiring a literary education beyond the the high school we recommend Wake Forest college. For young women the Baptist Female University at Raleigh is beyond doubt the best school for them.

G. W. Robbins moved to adopt the report.

D. D. Dougherty spoke of the importance of our people attending our two great denominational schools, Wake Forest and the Univerersity for women at Raleigh. Bro. Dougherty spoke of education as a developing and enlarging process for life's work, closing with three propositions: 1st We, Baptist, have the truth. 2ond We are asleep. 3rd Let the truth prevail.

I. G. Greer spoke of the first clause of the report.

Adjourned for one hour.

EVENING SESSION, SECOND DAY.

After singing conducted by D. S. Lee L. C. Wilson led in prayer.

E. M. Gragg, of Stony Fork association, was reconized.

L. C. Wilson continued the discussion on education, favoring the estalishing of a Baptist School in our county. D. S. Lee spoke of the education of the ministry. Report Adopted.

L. N. Perkins read the

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

To Three Forks Association, now in session, your committee on pastoral support begs to report that we find a slight increase in the aggregate of the salaries paid by the churches to their pastors for this year over last year, though two churches report nothing at all paid to their pastors past year.

We believe that where the Lord lays His hand on a man and calls him to the ministry it is his duty to give his whole time to that work and in order to enable him to do this it is the imperative duty of the churches which he serves to give him a reasonable support therefore we recomend to the churches of this association that they require such service from their pastors and that they then give them a comfortable living. — L. N. Perkins.
L. W. Farthing.
J. C. Horton.

L. N. Perkins spoke of the report especially of the the failure of the churches to support their pastors urging the necessity of the churches and pastors mutually bettering this condition of affairs.

L. C. Wilson, John Norris, Lewis Farthing and the Moderator, discussed, further, the report. Report adopted.

A. Roten read the

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We believe that every man that lisps the name of Christ should be temperate in all things and should be ready to defend the cause of temperance at all times and under all circumstances, but we fear that many good men fail to do their duty in regard to the temperance question. We most heartily endorse the position taken by Govenor R. B. Glenn in regard to this question. We also rejoice in the progress that this and other states are making along this line. Respectfully submitted. A. Roten and John Norris, Com.

A. Roten said, "It is a shame now to have to solicit Baptist people to refrain from strong drink." John Narris urges total abstainence. L. N. Perkins added some remarks especially relative to the dangerous use of Cigaretts. W. Swift spoke relative to the awful consequences of indifference and bad example of christians on this evil. David Greene spoke of our progress in this association in the interest of temperence, and further we ought to look well to our law making powers on this line. John Norris, J. F. Eller, J. C. Horton, C. S. Farthing, L C. Wilson spoke further on the question.

A. J. Gambill read the

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

We your committee beg to snbmit the following: The Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville is an institution that should be dear to every Baptist in the state, and one in which we should all be deeply interested.

Caring for the homeless orphans is a solemn Chritian duty that should appeal to all those who love the Lord Jesus Christ, as we have abundant evidence of His interest for the children. He said; "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

We think the Baptist Sunday Schools of the state should support the orphange, and we especially urge the Sunday Schools of our association to contribute monthly for this purpose.

We can not too strongly urge the importance of caring for these homeless and fatherless ones. The welfare of our country de-

mands it: Humanity demands it: Christianity demands it: and God Himself demands it, — Respectfully,

L. C. Wilson }
A. J. Gambill } Committee.

A. J. Gambill spoke particularly of that part of the report recommending that our Sunday Schools take an act'ive part in the support of the Orphanage. L. C. Wilson spoke, briefly, to the report. Report Adopted.

A motion prevailed to adjourn until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Prayer by John Crsp. "I feel like traveling on," was sung by the Association. Benediction by I. G. McGinnis.

MORNING SESSION, LAST DAY.

Singing was conducted by W. Swift. The mod. read 53 rd Chapter of Isah. Prayer was offered by Lewis Farthing. Minutes of yesterday read and approved. David Greene read

THE REPORT ON OLD MINISTERS RELIEF.

Your Committee would request our churches not to forget our old ministers who have given their life servise to the gospel and are no longer able to support themselves, and ask all of our churches to contribute to this worthy object, and send contributions to Walters, Durham and Raleigh N. C.

David Greene }
J. M. Payne } Com.

David Greene explained the work of the Old Ministers Relief Board appealing strongly for aid for the old destitute ministers.

J. M. Payne and John Norris extended the rmarks. Report was adopted.

The time for the special order for the day having arrived.

J. H. Farthing read

THE REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our Heavenly Father loves a lost world, so much so that the great gospel prophet cries in astonishment, that He was pleased to bruise his son.

Jesus said while in the world, "For God so loved the world He gave His own begotten son to die that they might not perish in a lost world forever, but might have everlasting life through His death and suffering.".

He has committed to His churches the work of preaching the glorious story

of his love to all the world, especially to dark and benighted nations who are so ignorant of their enslaved condition and how to attain to eternal life. It does seem to us that every church of Christ and every individual Christian is under solemn obligations to do everything in their power to give the gospel to all men. The dissatisfied and hungry hearted heathen do so much need the bread of life. Brethren, when we the messengers to the association shall get back to our home churches, let us talk missions, give liberally of the means God has intrusted to our care for missions, and lastly but not least pray for missions and our missionaries until this spirit shall catch and spread from church to church and from heart to heart. Oh! brethren are we giving and laboring for the spread of the gospel as our Lord would have us? Remember that Jesus loves the out cast and downtrodden sinner. Oh! Sir would we be willing to face the great Judge of all the earth with what little we have done to let the world know of Jesus and His love. J. H. Farthing, J. F. Eller, G. W. Robbins; Committee.

L. C. Wilson presented

THE REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

State missions is that department of our work that deals with the evangelization of the State and seeks to place our people upon a higher plain of usefulness as a denomination.

The Baptist State Convention was organized in the town of Greenville March 26 1830. Hence for 76 years of toil have the Baptist of N. C. been searching for lost souls through the medium of State Mission. A board of directors was appointed which still exists, under the name of "Board of Missions and Sunday Schools." At first it had under its care the work of missions only, but its scope has been enlarged so that all departments of mission work, State, Home, and Foreign are under the supervision of the Mission Board. Without going into detail as to what has been accomplished through the organized forces, we are glad to be able to say that the results have been wonderful indeed. Through this organized and united effort for the State there has been at least 50,000 baptisms. According to the best information that we can obtain there has been for the last 23 years about 28,000 baptisms by the missions There are in the State about 1800 churches and over 700 of these were organized by the missions of the State's Convention. So State Missions have been wonderfully blessed and for which we should be greatful. But notwithstanding these achievements

the demand is still more urgent, and if there ever was a time in the history of the State when every effort, and when every power that we possess whether it be an organized force or an individual effort this is that time when all should be concentrated for the taking of this grand old state for Christ. May victory for the Baptist yet be known to the ends of the earth, when they shall take and hold the state for Christ. Let us do more for this department of the work in the future than in the past, remembering that when you strengthen State Mission that all other departments will gain power and influence. Let us get it in our hearts as an individual call from God to every one that loves his name.

Brethren let us do something that will prove that we love the souls of lost men that we love the State, and we love God.

L. C. Wilson } Committee.
Z. T. Watson }

L. C Wilson also presents

THE REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The possibility of enlisting our forces in a sacred, united effort for the redemption and devlopment of this South Land for God is inspiring. The favor of God upon this part of the work during the past year has been marvelous indeed. Peculiar interest in this part of the work has been an important feature of the Southern Baptist loan, for the last three years. At Nashville in 1904, holy zeal seemed to seize that great body, as she looked over this vast field. At Kansas City in 1905 as the increased fruits of her labors were pouring in the war cry was heard louder still. At Chattanooga in 1906, the session just passed, where our fathers stood in the sixties shoulder to shoulder in a strife of blood, did the great army of Isreal meet, with increased determination as it has never met before. As the soldiery upon the field of carnage became determined as they took in the situation and rallied to bugles blast for victory so in a higher and nobler sense do we hear the war cry, as they climbed the heights of Look Out Mountain, as it were, as they surveyed this vast field to be taken for the King of Isreal. Instead of the field getting smaller it is growing larger, but to know that already there have been more than 4 000 churches constituted by the Home Board during its history, and more than 3,000 meeting houses have been built with about 200,000 additions to our churches is inspiring indeed. The work this year is full of encouragement. The number of workers has been greatly increased. Last year we had 718 missionaries while

this year we have 880. Last year 10,551 baptisms; this year there were 15,436 with an increase in contributions of over $30,000 enabling the board to report no debt. Yet notwithstanding, the great advancements which are being made in the way of contributions, missionaries sent out, souls saved, churches established we should not forget that, year after year, that the responsibility becomes greater, as within the territory of the Home Field there is that increase of population from so many different nationalities that must be cared for as well as from our own national resources. But the question arrises what has the Three Forks Association to do with these things. Are we as Missionary Baptist professing to love the Lord, and professing to love sinners too, doing what we should in the evangelization of this beautiful South Land of ours? May God so bless this association as to help us to prove that we are Missionary Baptists indeed. — Respectfuly Submitted,

C. S. Farthing
L. C. Wilson } Committee.

Lewis Farthing moved for the adoption of the reports on missions. J. H. Farthing spoke, first, of the objections that are often urged against Foreign Mission. He said that it was our duty to give the gospel as a witness to the heathern although no one should ever accept; give it because Jesus loves all people, no difference how low they may be in the scale of social condition. And further, that we ought to make real sacrifises for the work for that Jesus is standing poor and in prison in the person of the heathern.

G. W. Robbins spoke of the little amount that we were doing for the spread of the gospel. J. F. Eller said that if we would pray more for missions we would do more and that we are playing at missions. L. C. Wilson said that we ought not to make distinction in the so called departments of missions and that we must send the gospel it matters not as to a method. C. S. Farthing spoke of the feature of witnessing in mission work. C. S. Farthing moved that the Moderator call the roll of churches and that the messengers state an amount that their respective churches try to pay for missions the coming year. The following was indicated.

Antioch	$5.00	Howards Creek	$5.00
Bethel	35.00	Laurel Springs	10.00
Beaver Dam	25.00	Meat Camp	5.00
Boone	15.00	Mt. Calvary	5.00
Brushy Fork	5.00	Mt. Gillead	5.00
Cove Creek	20.00	Rich Mountain	5.00
Cool Springs	5.00	Shull's Mills	5 00
Middle Fork	5.00	Three Forks	25.00

L. W. Farthing read the

REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Your committee on state of the churches beg lief to submit the following. We find the churches in the Three Forks Association, as far as we have been able to learn fairly good. None have gone off into heresy that we know of. John Crisp, L. W. Farthing } Committee.

J. F. Eller submits the

REPORT ON QUERIES.

A query from the Sampson Church as follows: Is it right for a sister church to receive members that have been excluded from another church of the same faith and order without first being restored to the fellowship of the church from which they had been excluded? We your committe on queries answer NO because it is against Baptist usages. — David Greene, John Crisp, J. F. Eller, J. H. Farthing } Committee.

After considerable discussion by a number of the brethren the Report was adopted. Adjourned for one hour.

EVENING SESSION, LAST DAY.

The Association reassembled to the singing of "Nearer my God to thee," led by L. C. Wilson.

L. M. Farthing presented the

FINANCE REPORT.

We your committee on finance beg to submit the following:

Received for Minute Fund	$31.22
" " " Poor	1.00
" " " Home Mission	2.45
" " " Foreign Mission	56.65
" " " Orphanage	43.61
Total	$134.93

L. M. Farthing, J. W. Meadows } Committee.

Report adopted. D. F. Horton made the following

REPORT AS TREASURER.

Money in Treasury at Association 1905,	$18.74
Received at Association Minute Fund,	33.40
" " " Gospel Mission,	71.75
" " " Orphanage	26.73
" " " State Mission	2.24

Received Since the Association

Gospel Missions,	Beaver Dam Church	$ 9.59
" "	Bethel " "	5.00
" "	Brushy Fork " "	4.86
" "	Cove Creek " "	31.00
" "	Forest Grove " "	21.18
" "	Meat Camp " "	2.56
" "	Pleasant Grove " "	5.77
Orphanage,	Brushy Fork " "	4.32
" "	Clarks Creek " "	2.00
" "	Pleasant Grove " "	12.18
" "	Shull's Mills " "	1.00
Foreign Mission,	Clarks Creek " "	2.25
	Total	$314.57

Paid Out

To T. L. Blalock, Gospel Missions	$215 89
To Orphanage at Thomasville, N. C	48 23
To Foreign Mission	4 49
To Treasurer of Association for Postage since 1903,	.91
To Clerk of the Association	7.50
To R. Don Laws for Printing Minutes	25.00
Leaving in the Treasury	12.55
Total	$314.57

Respectfully, D. F. Horton, Treasurer Three Fork Asso.

Report adopted. G. W. Robbins moved to continue D. F. Horton as Treasurer for the ensueing year.

D. F. Horton moved that the roll of churches be called and that messengers indicate what amount their churches try to give to the Orphanage during the coming year. Beaver Dam 3 collections. Bethel $10 00, Cove Creek $5.00, Howards Creek 2 collections, Meat Camp 2 collections, Mt. Gillead 1 collection, Three Fork $5.

A number of messengers were not present when the roll was called.

L. W. Farthing made the following report on

TIME PLACE &C.

The Association in the year 1907 will convene with the church in Boone on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next after the fourth Sunday in August 1907. Elder J. H. Farthing to preach the Introductory sermon, David Greene Sr. his alternate. Committee.

Wm. Elrod presents the following

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENTS, &C.

Your committee on correspondence do respectfully recommend the following appointments: To Southern Baptist Conv., J. H. Farth-

ing and Smith Hagaman. To State Convention, C. S. Farthing, J. F. Eller, J. C. Horton and W. C. Coffey. To Brushy Mountain Association— John Norris, J. M. Payne and Asa Brown. To Holston Association— L. C. Wilson and L. W. Farthing. To Mitchell County Association— David Greene Sr., David Greene Jr., A. Roton To New River Association— Lewis Farthing and C. S. Farthing. To Ashe County Association— J. F. Eller, W. Swift and L. M. Farthing. To Watauga Association— George Sherrill and A. Roton. To Stony Fork Association— J. F. Eller, John Crisp and Wm. Elrod. To Caldwell County Association— John Crisp and A. J. Shull.

We also recommend the following brethren for Executive Committee for the coming year— J. C. Horton, Smith Hagaman, J. H. Mast, W. S. Farthing and L. N. Perkins.

We further recommend J. C. Horton as a member of State Mission Board. — Wm. Elrod, J. C. Brown Committee.

Report on correspondents adopted. L. C. Wilson moved to appoint the Clerk to superintend the printing and distribution of minutes of the Association, and that he be allowed the usual fees of $7.50 for his services.

J. C. Horton presented

THE REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITEE.

To the Three Forks Association 66 Session: Brethren — The undersigned for your Executive Committee beg leave to report that this Committee has received no contributions nor expended anything on associational work during the past year.

Our house of worship at Blowing Rock is almost completed. Since our last session the house has been painted outside, and ceiled, and pulpit and seats put in, all complete except inside painting.

The church only owes now about $150.00 on the house and lot, and the brethren and sisters have given their individual pledges for regular monthly payments to apply on this debt.

In this way the church will raise about one half of the total indebtedness by the close of this year, leaving only about $75.00 yet to be paid before this splendid building can be free to dedicate to our Lord's work. This house and lot has cost about $1200.00 and the brethren, sisters and friends to our work have stood by it faithfully, and we rejoice to see it so near completion.

The brethren and friends at Blowing Rock and their pastor, Bro. Thomas have borne this burden nobly, and we urge our brethren of this Association to lift this burden from this church as we are told by our Master, in love to assist each other in bearing burdens,

for His sake. Gal. 6 - 2. Brother Thomas is still serving the Blowing Rock Church as pastor, and our state Mission Board again aids the church tnis year, by paying a portion of his salary.

Another very deserving work in our hands is the Rich Mountain church, which was called to our attention last year by L. C. Wilson pastor of this little flock This church came to us at last session and it is in a good community, and they should riceive the support of our churches while they are building a house of worship.

They havae a good sized house enclosed and now used for regular services by the church. Under the wise care and leadership of Bro. Wilson this church now has a membership of 45 and besides going on nobly and well with their building. The church is contributing liberally to this great work.

Brethren, friends and churches within our bounds are contributing liberaly to this work when presented to them, and we appeal to our people to help this little band of our brethren and sisters to bear their burden, so that they may be left free to engage wholly in our Masters' work. We rejoice in the noble selfsacrifice of our people and urge that we fail not to help bear each others burdens.

Respectfully Submitted, — J. C. Horton Chairman.

Bro. Wilson gave his salary last year to Rich Mountain Church.

Report adopted. C S. Farthing moved to appoint a Com. of five brethren to solicit contribution for Blowing Rock and Rich Mountain Chuches. Wm Elrod made the following

REPORT ON DIEGEST OF LETTERS.

We your committee respectfully submit the following report.

Received by Baptism	244	Received by Letter	100
Received by Restoration	40	Lost by Letter	120
Lost by Exclusion	43	Lost by Deaths	44
Gain	203	Male Members	1362
Female Members	1954	Pastor's Salary	$1359.33
Buildings and Repairs	$284.80	Incidentals	$130.70
Poor	$24.20	Associational Mission	$1.00
State Mission	$8.74	Heme Mission	$53.19
Foreign Mission	$217.80	Orphanage	$28.90
Old Ministers relief	$19.85	Other objects	$261.75
Minute Fund	$31.50	Value ch. Property	$5525.00
Colportage	$6.25.		

Respectfully, Wm Elrod } Com.
Z. T. Watson }

H. J. Dougherty was recognized as a visiter from Watauga Asso.

J. C. Shull asks, in behalf of Little Zion Church, colored, some help to finish their church.

C. S. Farthing moved to suspend the regular order of business and take a collection for the same. The association arose and sang "Am I a Soldier of the Cross" while the collection was being taken. Amount of collection, $5.27.

David Greene asks the Pastors of this association to give a little of their time to the Pastorless churches in Ashe County and that the churches help them bear the burden.

The following were appointed Committee to solicit aid for Blowing Rock and Rich Mt. churches: Geo. Roten, J. C. Horton, G. P. Sherrill, J. D. Brown and L. N. Perkins.

At the suggestion of C. S. Farthing a collection was taken for the benefit of the wife of Zeb Brown, it being necessary to have her conveyed at once to a hospittal for treatment. Amount received, $5. 69.

L. A. Greene read the following

RESOLUTIONS.

We your committee on resolutions submit the following report:

1st Resolved that we earnestly request the churches composing this association to elect messengers who will attend and remain until the close of the session.

2nd Resolved that this association tender its thanks to the brenthren, sisters and friends of this community for their kind hospitality shown to the association during this session of Council for the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

J. F. Eller
L. A. Greene | Committee.

Lewis W. Farthing moved that the Moderator appoint committees on State, Home and Foreign Missions, Orphanage and Education, to report at next session of the association. The following were appointed:

STATE MISSIONS—David Greene, L. A. Greene. HOME MISSIONS—L. M. Farthing, D. D. Dougherty. FOREIGN MISSIONS—J. F. Eller, J. H. Farthing. ORPHANAGE—L. N. Perkins. EDUCATION—L. C. Wilson, J. C. Horton.

Lewis W. Farthing moved to adjourn to time and place.

The Moderator requested John Crisp to conduct the closing exercises. After some remarks on the brevity of time he read the 116 Psalm and led in prayer. L. C. Wilson led in singing "How firm a foundation" while the messengers extended the parting hand to each other, a closing prayer by C. S. Farthing.

W. S. Farthing, Mod.
Smith Hagaman, Cl'k.

Sunday School Statistics.

CHURCHES	SUPT.— P. O.	No. officers and teachers	No. scholars	Total	No. schools	Quarterlies & Papers	Mos. open	Av. attend'e	Baptisms	Expenses	Orphanage
Antioch	W. J. Farthing, Watauga Falls. N.C.	5	50	55	1	30	6			1.50	
Bethel	E. J. Farthing, Sugar Grove, "	6	85	91	1	67	12		2	6.20	
Beaver Dam	J. R. Wilson, Reece. "	7	75	82	1	50	12	50	16	8 00	
Bethany	W. D. Farthing, Matney, "	7	56	63	1	75	12	40		2 50	
Beech Mt.	J. M. Hodges, Whaley, "	9	40	49	1	64	5	40		1.73	
Boone	D. D. Dougherty, Boone, "				1	70	12	33		6 29	45 33
Brushy Fork	J. E. Hayes, Hagaman, "	6	80	86	1		12	50			
Blo'ing Rock	J. D. Brown, Blowing Rock, "	8	45	53	1			53		5.52	
Cove Creek	W. F. Sherwood, Amantha, "	9	102	111	1	85	12	49		7.80	4.45
Cool Springs	J. T. Simmons, Boone, "	6	60	66	1	88	6	56		2.32	2.50
Clarks Creek	Hardy Baird, W. W Bays, Googoo, "	5	22	27	2	36	6	46		2.99	
Elk Knob	D. B. Clark, Tamarack, "	5	65	70	1	58	9	31		3 25	
Elk Valley	S. L Marshall, Hale "	7	53	60	1	54		41		3.03	
Fall Creek	J. R. Grider, Dark Ridge, "	6	40	46	1		6	32			.75
Forest Grove	B. C. Hagaman, Sweet Water, "	8	100	108	1	54	12	62	23	4.00	
Flat Springs	E. Greene, Whaley, "	7	60	67			6	47		1 56	
Gap Creek	G. W. Smith, Hopkins, "	6	84	90	1	215	6	68		3.10	1.60
How'ds Creek	E. G. Minton, Boone, "	5	41	46		34	6	23	2	1.60	
Laurel Sp'ngs	W. R. Moore, Rutherwood, "	5	101	106	3	138	6	47		2.76	
Meat Camp	N. L. Byers, Zionvile, "	6	49	55	1	60	6	29		1 50	
Mt. Calvary	J. C. Chappel, Balm, "	6	72	78	1	73	9	60		3.60	
Mt. Gilead	G. W. Philips, Beech Creek, "	8	65	73	2	55	6	58		3.00	
Mt. Lebanon	Milton Hodges, Vilas, "	5	61	66	1		9	41		2.30	2.22
Middle Fork	J. M. Elrod, Blowing Rock, "	7	62	69			12	42	1	5.12	2.04
Pleasant Grove	W. B. Graybeal, Mast, "	10	67	77	1	80	12	56	9	10.00	
Pleasant Valley	W. M. Cannon, Elk Park, "	5	40	45	1	55	6	40		2.16	
Rich Mountain	W. H. Pennington, Zionville, "	7	41	48	1	20	12	49	8	1.22	
South Fork	W. N. Howell, Brook Side, "	6	60	66	1	50	6	40		2.30	
Shulls Mills	J. C. Shull, Shulls Mills, "	5	63	68	1	150	6	31		2.50	
Sampson	A. E. Goins, Penley, "	6	58	64	1	8	9	35		2.46	
Three Forks	L. N. Perkins, Boone, "	7	50	57	1	90	6	40			
Timbered Ridge	A. J. Gambill, Peoria, "	7	74	81	1	75	12	49		1.36	3 60
Union	J. M. Hodges, Mable, "	7	81	88	1	71	9	50		4.30	
Zionville	A. Roten, Zionville, "	8	80	88	1	75	12	48	3	6.00	
Zion Hill	F. J. Palmer, Leander, "	6	30	36	1		6	36			

Beaver Dam, 42 volumes in Library. Brushy Fork, $13.69 Library.
Pleasant Grove, 25 volumes in Library. Timbered Ridge, 118 volumes.

Financial Table.

CHURCHES	Minute fund.	Pastor salary	Building & Repairs.	Incidentals.	Poor.	Associational Mission.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Old Ministers Relief.	Other Objects.
Antioch	1.13	40.00		60.00			5 25	10.00	20.00	20.00		8.00
Bethel	1.00	66.00	36.00	1.75				15 14	69 77	8.00	2.05	49.00
Beaver Dam	1.15	68 03		3 00					3.50	1.35		
Bethany	.76	14.00							2.00	1.00		
Beech Mt.	1 25	36.65							10 23			
Boone	1 00								6.04	4 32		
Brushy Fork	1.33	58.28		21.50	10.00		3.39	4.60	2.10		2.10	21.90
Blo'ing Rock	.75	50 00	168.25						31 00			
Cove Creek	1.00	70.00			3.35				2.06			
Cool Springs	1.50	28 25							2 25	2 00		
Clarks Creek	.35	20.00										6.00
Elk Knob	.50	6.00										10.50
Elk Valley	1.00	51.85							3.00	5.00		
Fall Creek	.65	25.50							2 00	.91		
Forest Grove	.85	47.25		14.10	10.00	1.00			21.18	6.25		
Flat Springs	.40	9.45	200.00							.66		
Gap Creek	1.25	30.00			1.00			1.45	.60	.75		
How'ds Creek	.75	19.40		9.00						1.25		
Laurel Sp'ngs	1.15	80.91							10.00		5 00	17.55
Meat Camp	.80	46.76							2.56	2.20		
Mt. Calvary	1.00	56.00	300.0	17.50					5.15	7.80		
Mt. Gilead	.50	21.50	5.00					1.00	2.00	3.73		5 50
Mt. Lebanon	.75	30.09							1.00	1.55		
Middle Fork	1.00	27.00						5.00	1.66	1.00		7.25
Pleasant Grove	.86	41.50			1.25				5 77	12 18		
Pleasant Valley	1 40	74.70							5.55	8 40		11.55
Rich Mountain	.75	50.00	3.00						5.00			
South Fork	.80	41.00		.25					3.66	2.60		3.20
Shulls Mills	.75	20.00							1.00	2.00		
Sampson	.75	32.00	20.65		6.00				15.00	5 00		29.36
Three Forks	1.50	72.45							11.11	4.95		5.25
Timbered Ridge	1.00	41.46		3.00								
Union	.89	56 31			2.40				5.00	1.45		18.69
Zionville	1.00	86 72	75 00						15.00	3.55		5.00
[illegible]	[illegible]	17.50										

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Statistical Table.

CHURCHES	PASTORS—P. O.	CLERKS—P. O.	Baptized	Letter	Restored	Letter	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total	Time of preaching	Value of church	Seating capacity
Antioch	J. H. Farthing, Sweet Water, N. C.	W. J. Farthing, Watauga Falls, N. C.	21	0	1	2	0	4	82	86	168	1	600	400
Bethel	" " "	W. S. Farthing, Sweet Water, "	2	5	3	28	3	4	44	68	112	4	500	350
Beaver Dam	L. A. Wilson, Tamarack, "	C. B. Reece, Reece, "	19	0	3	4	1	0	50	61	111	2	500	300
Bethany	L. C. Wilson, Sweet Water, "	J. L. Triplett, Matney, "	0	7	0	0	7	1	19	28	47	3	500	200
Beech Mt.	Solomon Younce, Norris, Tenn.	W. C. Church, Dark Ridge, "	1	0	1	1	1	2	49	78	127	1	500	300
Boone	J. J. L. Sherwood, Cole tsville, N. C.	W. L. Bryan, Boone, "	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	12	20	3	500	300
Brushy Fork	J. M. Payne, Blowing Rock, "	J. H. Presnell, Vilas, "	13	4	1	5	1	4	84	113	197	2	1000	500
Blo'ing Rock	I. W. Thomas, Lenoir, "	J. H. Brown, Blowing Rock, "	1	9	0	0	0	1	13	23	36	2	1250	400
Cove Creek	J. H. Farthing, Sweet Water, "	W. M. Sherwood, Sugar Grove, "	0	0	2	5	0	0	51	93	144	3	800	500
Cool Springs	J. M. Payne, Blowing Rock, "	C. C. Winkler, Blowing Rock, "	6	7	0	8	0	0	38	49	87	2	150	200
Clarks Creek	C. S. Farthing, Sweet Water, "	Joel Eggers, Googoo, "	1	1	0	0	0	0	11	27	38	4	450	250
Elk Knob	A. W. Osborn, Roark, "	J. M South, Tamarack, "	1	1	0	1	1	0	23	39	62	2	300	240
Elk Valley	J. F. Eller, Sweet Water, "	A. M. Johnson, Hale, "	7	1	1	1	3	0	23	38	61	4	500	400
Fall Creek	David Greene, Whaley, "	W. B. Norris, Hale, "	2	1	0	0	0	1	19	14	33	2		
Forest Grove	J. F. Eller, Sweet Water, "	Smith Hagaman, Sweet Water, "	30	3	3	1	3	0	59	80	139	3	300	250
Flat Springs	D. A. Greene, Whaley, "	C. E York, Whaley, "	14	0	0	1	0	0	35	32	67	3	285	300
Gap Creek	C. R. Norris, Sands, "	A. J. Wellborn, Stony Fork, "	2	4	0	3	0	0	38	52	90	1	500	300
How'ds Creek	Edmond Greene, Sands, "	R. L. Barnes, Boone, "	5	1	3	3	0	1	23	53	76	3		
Laurel Sp'ngs	L. A. Wilson, Tamarack, "	Z. T. Watson, Virgil, "	12	0	2	3	0	5	59	119	178	4	800	450
Meat Camp	L. C. Wilson, Sweet Water, "	L. A. Greene, Moretz "	23	2	2	1	1	4	48	101	149	1	650	400
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Sampson	J. P. Hagaman, Blowing Rock, "	S. E. Harrison, Penley, "	7	2		2		1	37	40	77	1	80	
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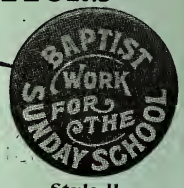

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THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION

Boone, N. C. Tuesday August 27, 1997.

The Three Forks Baptist Association met this day in its annual gathering in the house of worship of Boone church. After singing and prayer by John Crisp, J. H. Farthing who was appointed by last association to preach the Annual Sermon, announced as his subject "A Sure foundation," using as a text "Lead me to the rock that is higher than I."- Psalms 61-2, prayer at the close of the sermon by C. S. Farthing. The congregation sang "How firm a foundation." J. F. Davis, pastor of Boone church, for the committee on hospitality announced homes for the messengers during the session. The congregation Sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" led by D. S. Lee, benediction by D. A. Green. Adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

After noon session first day met at 2o'clock p.m. The association was led in prayer by C. R. Norris. Letters were presented from all the churches composing the association except Elk Knob and read by J. F. Spainhour and the Clerk

The term of office of Moderator and Clerk expiring at this time, on motion the present encumberents, W. S. Farthing, Moderator and Smith Hagaman Clerk were re-elected for the present session. G. W. Robins moved to extend an invitation to Corespondents and visiting brethren to seats in the association. The following were recognized: W. S. Green from Stony Fork association, Hight C. Moore Sunday school Msssionary who also bears messages of greetings from W. H. Hobgood, Levingston Johnson and Wm. Wilcoxen an aged minister of this association. V. M. Carter, from South Yadkin association, J. F. Spainhour, from Catawba River association, Jacob Sturgil, from Ashe County association.

J. F. Davis moved that J. H. Brendall, pastor of the Methodist church of Boone be invited to a seat in the association, motion also prevailed to invite A. Roten to a seat. D. S. Lee from Stony Fork association, J. B. Ried from Catawba River association.

Wm. Elrod mooved that the Moderator announce the usual committees who were not here tofore appointed. The following were appointed: Temperance, C. R. Noris, D. S. Lee, A. Roten. Pastoral support, J. C. Horton and W. C. Coffey. Sunday Schools, J. M. Payne and Hight C. Moore. Correspondence, G W. Robins and W. H McGuire. Resolutions, Alex Wilson, H.H. Farthing, D A. Green. Finance, John Sherill, W. D. Farthing. Old Minister Relief J H. Farthing, Asa Brown, J. F. Davis. Religious Exercises, Pastor and messengers of Boone church. State of churches, John McBride John crisp, Wm. Eller. Digest of Letters, Alex Hagaman, Isaac Greer, G. W. Robins. Time and place of next association, A. J. Shull, E. R. Eggers. Order of Business, G. W. Trivett, E. M.

Greer, L. W. Farthing W. R. Bradshaw representing State Mission work was recognized at this juncture and added to the committee on State Missions. The committee on Religious Exercises report Hight C. Moore to preach in the Methodist church to night Wm. Elrod mooved to adjourn to meet in the court house at 9o'clock to morrow morning and spend one half an hour in devotional exercises. W. R. Bradshaw led the association in prayer, D. S. Lee led in singing "Down at the cross where my Savior died."

Benediction by J. F. Eller.

Wednesday Morning, Second day.

Wednesday morning August 28th (in the court house.)

The devotional exercises were, by previous announcement, conducted by W. R. Bradshaw who read the 14 chapter of John.

Prayer by A. T. Pardew, of Brushy Mountain association followed by T. L. Blalock. After a talk on the lesson read by Bro. Bradshaw, Hight C. Moore led in prayer.

At 9;30 the association was called to order by the Moderator, minutes of yesterday were read, after which L. W. Farthing read an Order of Business prepared by the committee for the present session. Archibald Johnson, from the Baptist Orphanage was recognized, R. M. Farthing from Chowan association. T. L. Blalock, missionary to China, A. T. Pardew from Brushy Mountain association. Roll of messengers called and those absent stricken from the list. J. F. Eller mooved to so change the order of business as to hear the Report on Sunday School at this hour. Hight C. Moore read The Report on Sunday Schools.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Believing that the Sunday School is the church engaged in studying and teaching the Scriptures, that it is authorized in the Bible, and that it affords the richest and ripest field for christian effort for to-day, your committee would urge, 1st. That our churches put more life, energy and consecration into this great work. 2nd. That not only our children may be induced to attend but also that adults be enlisted in large numbers. 3rd. That our schools be kept open, if possible, every Sunday in the year 4th. That we see this is our supreme work: informing about Christ, leading to Christ, bringing up in Christ, and sending out for Christ. We further recommend that our Sunday Schools use the literature of our Southern Baptist Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tennesse, and also that they make at least one contribution during each year for Sunday School Missions which is the support of our Baptist Sunday School work in the State. Each church in our association has a Sunday School and our work seems to be in a prosperous condition. In the whole State we have 1500 Baptist Sunday Schools, 1,000 officers and teachers, 12,000 scholars.

Respectfully submitted, J. M. Payne, H. C. Moore.

Bro. Moore said the Sunday School is not one thing and the church another, but the church studying, and teaching the word of God, and that the Sunday School is authorized and commanded in the Bible. There are three classes of fathers: The first permits his children to attend Sunday S. The second. sends his children to Sunday School. The third takes his children to S. S.

75 per cent of our churches are organized out of our Sunday S; 95 per cent of our workers in the church are Sunday School scholars. There are only 40 percent of our Sunday School scholars who are converted. It is announced by the committee on Religious Exercises that C. R. Norris will preach in the Methodist church at this hour. The association sang "Alas and did my Saviour bleed" etc., while those who wished to hear preaching retired from the house.

T. L Blalock was added to the committee on Foreign Missions. J. F. Eller read The Report on Foreign Missions.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Church of Jesus Christ was organized by its Head for a specific purpose; that purpose, evidently, being to give the gospel to all people that have it not.

The church that is not out for that business has no business to be out.

The individual member of the church that makes no effort to "Go into all the World," either in person or means, lives in open rebellion against the plain command of christ, and the high purpose of his spiritual creation on earth.

It is gratifying to us to view the work on the foreign fields for the past year.

The fields of opperation are the Papal fields of Argentine, Mexico, Italy and Brazil Pagan fields-Japan, Africa and China.

During the last year 21 new missionaries have gone to the foreign work from this South land. There are now more than 500 workers pressing the foreign work from the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention with their Native helpers. There was reported to the last Session of the Southern Baptist Convention 2,239 baptisms.

There was expended last year by the Foreign Mission Board and those working on the Gospel Mission plan about $400,000 of this amount North Carolina gave about $35,000. Encouraging reports come from all the work. After 45 years of work by the Southern Baptist Convention, there was reported in 1899 a complete enrollment in our churches in foreign fields of 2,213. There were more than that many baptisms reported last year. Idolatry is giving a way as never before Returned missionaries observe a quickened Mission Spirit in the home land never before seen. There is now pledged to this work $700,000. Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Eller, J. H. Farthing, Committee.

T. L. Blalock, returned missionary from China spoke at length of his personal experience as missionary in the work, said that his work is now largely developing the work started by the native workers.

J. H. Farthing suggested that the church be called, that the messengers name an amount that their respective churches try to do for Foreign Missions this coming year. The following was named.

Antioch	$2.00	Fall creek	2.00	Pleasant Valley	$ 2.00
Bethel	15.00	Forest Grove	15.00	Rich Mountain	5.00
Beaver Dam	25.00	Flat Springs	1.00	South Fork	3.00
Bethany	3.00	Gap Creek	2.00	Shulls Mills	2.00
Beach Mt.	2.00	Howards Creek	2.00	Sampson	1.00
Boone	5.00	Laurel Springs	5.00	Three Forks	15.00
Brushy Fork	5.00	Meat Camp	5.00	Timbered Ridge	2 collection
Blowing Rock	5.00	Mount Gilead	3.00	Union	1 collection
cove creek	20.00	Mount Calvery	2.00	Zionville	10.00
cool Springs	5.00	Mt. Lebanon	2.00	Zion Hill	2.00
clarks creek	2.00	Middle Fork	5.00		
Elk Valley	2.00	Pleasant Grove	5.00		

J. H. Farthing said we, of this association are just playing with this great mission work. R. M Farthing spoke further of our doing more than we are doing for missions. J. F. Davis urged the pastor to begin in time to make collections for mission Archibald Johnson emphasized the importance of a system in christian giving. On motion adjourned to 2o'clock p. m.

W. Swift led in prayer. The committee on religious exercises announce that A. T. Pardew, of Brushy Mountain association will preach in the Methodist church at this hour. David Green read the Report on State Missions.

STATE MISSIONS

State missions is a work which lies near the heart of all true baptist in North Carolina. Paul said he could wish himself accursed for his brethren his kinsman according to the flesh. State Missions is an effort on our part to give the Gospel to our people, our kinsman in North Carolina. We ought never to be satisfied till we have put a Baptist Church in reach of every body in North Carolina. Let us wake up to our whole duty in missions. We have employed 136 missionaries and are raising this year 40.-000. Respectfully submitted David Green, L. A. Green Committee.

W. R. Bradshaw spoke of three departments of the State Mission work. 1st The Sunday School department, 2nd The Baptist Book Store, 3rd Planting churches through missionaries. The messengers made an indicate of what they try to raise in their respective churches as follows:

Antioch	$5.00	Clarks Creek	5.00	Shulls Mills	5.00
Bethel	20.00	Forest Grove	1 collection	Sampson	1 collection
Beaver Dam	1 collection	Gap Creek	1 collection	Three Forks	10.00
Bethany	1 collection	Howards Creek	2.00	Zionville	5.00
Beech Mountain	5.00	Meat Camp	1 collection	Wm. Eller	1.00
Boone	15.00	Mt. Calvary	5.00	C. R. Norris	1.00
Brushy Fork	5.00	Mt Lebanon	1 collection	Laurel Springs	5.00
Blowing Rock	5.00	Middle Fork	1 collection	Flat Springs	5.00
Cove Creek	5.00	Pleasant Grove	1 collection	W. H. Mikeal	1.00
Cool Springs	1 collection	South Fork	5.00	Elk Knob	1.00

L. M. Farthing read the report on Home Missions. L. C. Wilcox read some statistics as follows on Home Missions which was on motion of D. D. Dougherty added to the report on Home Missions.

REPORT

We your Committee on Home Missions submit the following report:

Our Home Board's work is in Cuba, Porto Rico, among the foreign population in our large cities and in the mountain regions. It employs 657 missionaries and expends annully about $ 0) 00) Its work in the States is carried on in cooperation with the State Mission Boards, and in weak states such as Maryland and Louisanna, is exceedingly important. We cannot overestimate the value of its work among the

foreign population in its influence on our foreign mission work. Our Home Missions baptized last year more foreigners than our foreign missionaries and of course these foreigners by their communications with their home, land gave our missionaries prestige in those fields. A new feature of the work is the employment of evangelists who are visiting fields where Baptis are weak and helping the pastors in building them up and making them stronger. The Home Board, important as it is, has had a hard fight to maintain a footing. So we recommend that the churches of our association give due consideration to its claims and heartily support its work.

L. M. Farthing, D. D. Dougherty, Committee.

FACTS ON HOME MISSIONS

The B'd. employed last year 865, missionaries. Supplied, 3128 mission stations made 211084 religious visits. Baptised 18798. Organized 271 churches. Organized 703 Sunday Schools. Led in the erection of 309 houses of worship. Contribution $529.35 more than for the previous year. During the year $55.000 were added to our mountain school property. 228 of the pupils were converted.

J. F. Davis spoke of the importance of evangelizing the Foreigners in our Southern States and the support of our schools located at stratigic points in the mountain section of the South.

Archibald Johnson continued the discussion. Report adopted.

J. F. Davis mooved that a committee be appointed to examine matters calculated by the Historian. J. C. Horton looking to publication. David Greene, L. C. Wilson, D. D. Dougherty and Archibald Johnson were appointed as committee, on motion the Moderator was added to the committee. J. F. Davis mooved to make the report on the Orphanage a special order for to morrow morning. J. H. Farthing mooved that the association adjourn to meet in the Methodist church to night at 8 o'clock. Prayer by D. S Lee. Benediction by L. C. Wilson.

Night Session

The associati on convened in the Methodist church at 8 o'clock, p. m. after a song service the associaton was led in prayer by Archibald Johnson.

L. C. Wilson presented the Report on Education.

EDUCATION

Never before in the history of the Three Forks association have her responsibilities so magnified themselves as they now appear. The great things that God has done for us in the past, and is still doing is only adding to these responsibilities. And notwithstanding the advancements, our people have already made, and what has been accomplished in the way of education, the subject is still one of such vital importance to us as a denomination as cannot be trifled with. For no denomination can be indifferent to this great question and be safe, nor can she be what the Lord would have her be, or what is possible for her to be. That denomination that folds her arms and waits for the State to furnish the necessary means for the education of her children, is only inviting defeat; in waiting for that preparation to be made by others who will do it in their own way and for their own interest. We have reached the time of need for a broader, deeper and stronger denominational life. That life that gives power and influence over the world. Without that vital force, no denomination can be what is possible for her to be. The Lord by it declares, that, "Wisdom and knowledge shall be the stub lity of the times and strength of salvation." Solomon also declare that by "Wisdom Kings reign and princes decree justice." And again Solomon declares that, "With all the getting get understanding."

What we need as a denomination is the enlargement of our capacities-a broader conception of our duty. And as a means of this enlargement, we would press upon the minds of our people the extreme importance of reading good Baptist literature. No denomination, no church, no home, nor no individual member can ever hope for enlargement that neglects this one thing. It is gratifying to note the great advance in recent years on educational lines As citizens, we rejoice to see the great improvement in our public schools, and the growing efficiency and value of our great State in-

therly love and pay off this debt in full and lift this burden from our brethren of this little church. At first of this year Boone and Blowing Rock churches called brother J. F. Davis for their pastor, each two Sabaths in every month. In order to enable brother Davis to give his whole time to tho pastorial work; an application of this committee, our State Mission Board made appropriation to aid in his support, and are having regular servises morning and night two Sabaths in each month. Rich Mountain church is going on well and nobly with their new house of worship, this church has received some aid from churches and individuals within our associational bounds, and they have a neat, well arranged and well constituted building inclosed and covered with floor laid, windows in and painted on the outside and can be used for worship.

This church is in a good commmunity where there was urgent need of a Baptist church, what has been done, was at a sacrifice by the brethren and sisters, and their pastor L. C. Wilson. We urge the brethren and sisters of this association to offer liberal contribution to aid in completing this house of worship during the coming fall and we feel sure that the brethren and sisters of the church will receive all such aid with grateful hearts, and that it will contributed to the honor and glory of our Lord. Respectfully Submitted by J C. Horton.

Archibald Johnson of the committee to examine the work of the Historian commends his work and recomends that it be continued and published later.

CORRESPONDENT REPORT

J. C. Horton reports having attended the State Convention, C. S. Farthing, J. F. Eller and W. Swift, attended Ashe county association, John McBride attended Holstin association.

G. W. Robins read The Report on correspondence.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE

Your committee on cor es on len e submit the following:

To Southern Baptist convention:, W. S. Farthing, Rev. J. F. Eller.

State Convention Rev. J. F. Davis, J. C. Horton, B. J. Council, Rev. C. S. Farthing. Brushy Mountain association: Rev. J. M. Payne, Rev. C. R. Norris, Wm. Elrod Holston Rev. L. C. Wilson, L. W Farthing. Mitchell county association, Rev. David Greene, Rev. C. S. Farthing, Rev. J McGinnis. New River association, W. H. Mikeal, E. F. Norris. Ashe association, Rev. Asa Brown, W. H. McGuire, Rev. C R. Norris. Watauga association. Rev. J. H. Farthing, A. Roten L. W. Farthing. Stony Fork: Rev Wilcoxon Rev. C. S. Farthing Rev. John Crisp, A J. Shull, J. D. Brown. We recomend the following brethren for Executive committee, J. C. Horton. Smith Hagaman, J. H Mast, W. S. Farthing, L. N. Perkins and W. C. Coffey. Member State Mission Board: J. C. Horton Respectfully submitted, G. W. Robins, Will H. McGuire, committee.

On motion adjourned one hour for dinner.

Evening Session Last Day

"Stand up for Jesus" was sung, A. Roten offered prayer, J. C. Blalock, of Mitchell county association was recognized.

W. R. Bradshaw read THE REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Your committee would urge our churches to sustain the temperance legislation now on our Statute books and to use all their influence to bring prohibition either by legislature amendment or by amendment to the constitution. Our temperance favor can

not afford to divide. United We stand-divided we fall. Every christian in North Carolina should do his best to rid the commonwealth of the traffic, and save the rising generation from the danger of the liquor evil,

W. R. Bradshaw, C. S. Farthing, J. F. Davis.

J. F. Davis said that a voter who takes the oath to support the laws of our State and then allows the illegal sale of liquors when he could in any way prevent it just simply sweats falsely.

W. R. Bradshaw enumerates the enemies and friends of temperance: Enemies, Saloon keepers. Friends, the daily papers, school teachers, preachers and women. H. H. Farthing said that our temperance legislation is strong only in proportion to the centiment against it in each community, T. L. Blalock continued the discussion.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

We your committee on State of the Churches submit the following report: we believe in the sense of contributions that the churches are advancing and more alive to the work of missions than heretofore, and as far as we are able to ascertain many of the churches have gone off into heresy but as there is a spirit of liberism among our people we advise our churches to guard against such evil influence, John Crisp, W. H. Eller, John McBride, Committee.

TREASURER REPORT

Money in treasury at the association 1906	$12.55.	Received since ass'n. Gospel Missions			
Received at association Minute fund	31.97	"	" Beaverdam		17.90
" " Gospel Missions	61.65	"	" Cove Creek		20.12
" " Home "	2.40	"	" Brushy Fork		5.59
" " Old Miniseers Relief	1.00	"	" Forest Grove		15.43
" " Orphanage	43.50	"	" Pleasant Grov		4.22
			Timbered Ridge		5.00
Foreign Missions Bethel church	5.00		State Missions Forest Grove		1.63
Home Missions " "	5.00	Old Ministers Relief Brushy Fork			1.00
" " Brushy Fork "	2.00	Orphanage Brushy Fork ch			3.42
" " Cove Creek "	2.98	"	Creek church		3.75
" " Forest Grove "	1.63	"	Shulls Mills "		1.32
Union meeting Brushy Fork"	3.36	To aid in building Blowing Rock ch.			7.01
To aid in building Rich Mountain ch.	3.61				
			Total		263.09
Paid out to T. L. Blalock Gospel Missions	$137.11	Blowing Rock church			$7.01
Miss Jennie Edwards Home Missions	2.98	Rich Mountain "			3.61
Walter Durham Home Missions	9.40.	D. S. Lee for printing minutes			25.72
" " Foreign Missions	5.00	Clerk of the association			7.50
" " Old Ministers relief	2.00	Treasure for postage			.56
S. H. Everett for Orphanage	51.69	Leaving in the treasury			8.85
			Total		$263.09

Respectfully submitted D. F. Horton Treasurer Three Forks Association.

G. W. Robins mooved to continue D. F. Horton as Treasurer for the cumeing year.

REPORT O TIME AND PLACE

We your committee on time, place and preacher submit the following Report:

The association in the year 1908 will convene with Forest Grove church on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, next after the 4th Sunday in Aug 1908, with Elder J. M. Payne to preach the Introductory sermon. C. R Norris his alternate.

Respectfully submitted F. R. Eggers, A. J. Shull, Committee.

L. C. Wilson mooved that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes and that he be allowed $7.50 for his serviess.

RESOLUTIONS

We your committee on Resolutions Submit the following report. Resolved that this association tender its thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of this comunity for their kind hospitality shown the association during this session of council for the advancement of the Kingdom of God. 2nd. Resolved that we as a body tender our thanks to the Methodist brethren for the use of their house of worship.

H. H. Farthing, Committee.

J. C. Horton Read THE REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT

Brethren of Three Forks association, your committee on Pastoral Support beg to report that a comparison report of the churches of this association for this year and last year shows no increase in the matter of material support accounted the pastors of the churches of this association. Now, we please to inquire why this is the case this year. The Bible tells us that the laborer is worthy of his hire. And can it be that our brethern and sisters of the churches of this association are paying their pastors all they thing they are worth, as pastors. Now if this is the reason that our pastors are not paid more, it seems that they might see it and feel it too. We your committee, beg to suggest to our brother pastors that we believe they are worth to the churches an ample support for themselves, and their families from year to year, while serving their

churches; but on the other hand the churches have the right if they give this support to demand the time of their pastors. Your committee begs to suggest that when possible it seems that it would be best for both pastors of our country churches, to adopt a system of providing the churches with one pastor, so that the pastor can serve a number of churches with the least amount of travil possible, and thus be able to give more time to the pastoral work. W. C. Coffey, J. C. Horton.

A motion prevailed to adjournment to time and place.

The Moderator requests John Crisp to conduct the closing exercise, after having read some Scripture from Revalation, J. C Blacklock led in prayer. How firm a foundation was sung while Messengers and friends extended the parting hand.

W. S. Farthing, Moderator, Smith Hagaman clerk.

FINANCE TABLE V

CHURCHES	Minute fund	Pastors Salary	Building & repairing	Incidental	Poor	Asso. Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Old Min. Relief	Other Objects
Antioch	1 50	30 25		2 98			8 75	10 88	2 04	10 55		18 31
Bethel	2 00	61 00						12 95	22 50			
Beaver Dam	1 25	73 79		6 00	2 00			4 00	44 68	4 00	3 20	19 16
Bethany	69		21 60						4 00	3 70		3 25
Beech Mt.	1 95	41 45								5 25		14 00
Boone	1 13	150 00		38 33			8 56	6 07	4 53	3 00	1 66	4 05
Brushy Fork	1 67	65 15	21 00	13 00	20 00			2 00	7 96	4 36	1 00	1 31
Bluing Rock	75	65 00	75 00	54 15			3 49	3 61	6 66	4 50	2 00	4 31
Cove Creek	1 00	75 00	75 00					2 98	20 00	7 11		3 90
Cool Springs	1 45	29 75							2 50	2 00		
Clarks Creek	50								2 75	1 00		
Elk Valley	1 00	56 30							3 00	4 21		
Fall Creek	1 60	20 30	2 00						3 00	3 00		
Forest Grove	75	32 87	440	2 00			1 63	1 63	2 00	5 12		
Flat Springs	40	8 95	6 85						15 49	2 80		
Gap Creek	1 25	38 73	55 00					1 00	1 56			
Howards Creek	1 00	11 43										
Laurel Springs	1 00	53 53							4 00	7 25		
Mead Camp	1 60	50 80							5 17	4 42		
Mt. Calvery	90	3 75	51 00	8 27	9 00		2 50	2 50	2 00	2 94		16 07
Mt. Gilead	1 16	48 0	8 00	3 10	14 75				7 00	1 00		1 75
Mt. Lebanon	55	30 00							1 50	1 00		
Middle Fork	1 10	38 00			1 72							
Pleasant Grove	75	50 00							4 80	3 13		8 08
Pleasant Valley	1 00	14 01		19 65					4 44	5 06		80
Rich Mountain	65	25 00	100						5 00			
South Fork	75	50 00							2 62	2 37		
Stulls Mills	1 02	20 00		5 00						1 35		
Simpson	1 00	16 25		2 00								
Three Forks	75	64 25										
Timber Ridge	1 75	60 00		8 00			5 00	5 0	15 00	5 76		1 00
Union	1 00	55 45		1 00				9 38	9 76	11 83		5 00
Zionville	70	19 44		19 44						1 00		11 60
Zion Hill	1 35	77 23	2 50	21 50					8 20			40 90
	75	15 65										

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS—P. O.	CLERKS—P. O	Baptized	Letter	Restored	Letter	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total	Preaching	Value of property	Seating capacity
Antioch	J H Farthing, Sweetwater, N. C.	W J Farthing, Wat'ga Fl's, N.C.	14	5	0	6	0	2	79	92	171	1	800	400
Bethel	J H Farthing, "	W S Farthing, Sweet Water, "	0	1	3	3	0	0	45	68	113	4	900	350
Beaver Dam	L A Wilson, Meat Camp, "	John Sheriff, Reese, "	5	5	0	3	0	1	53	63	116	2	500	300
Bethany	L. C. Wilson, Sugar Grove, "	J. L. Triplett, Matney, "	0	0	0	0	0	1	17	25	42	3	500	200
Beech Mt.	W. M Cannon, Elk Park, "	W. C. Church, Dark Ridge, "	13	4	6	0	0	0	67	83	150	1	500	300
Boone	J F. Davis, Boone, "	W. L. Bryan, Boone, "	5	0	0	2	0	0	11	14	25	2-4	550	300
Bushy Fork	J. M. Payne, Blowing Rock, "	J. H. Presnel, Vilas, "	7	2	2	8	3	2	38	102	200	2	1000	500
Blowing Rock	J. F. Davis, Boone, "	Jas. H. Brown, Blowing Rock, "	0	7	0	1	0	1	16	23	44	1-3	1250	400
Cove Creek	J. H. Farthing, Hattie, "	W. M. Sherwood, Sugar Grove, "	1	1	1	6	0	0	49	92	141	3	1000	500
Cool Springs	J. M. Payne, Blowing Rock, "	C. C. Winkler, Blowing Rock, "	3	1	1	1	0	1	49	50	99	3	150	200
Clarks Creek	Isaac McGinnis, Vilas, "	Ellen Laurence Goo Gap, "				1			12	27	39	4		
Elk Knob	Not represented this year	J. M South, Tamarck,							28	32	60	2	300	240
Elk Valley	J. F. Eller, Vilas, "	A M. Johnson, Hale, "	1				1		22	39	61	4	500	400
Fall Creek	David Greene, Whaley, "	W. B. orris, Hale, N. C.	1	1				1	21	13	34	2		
Forest Grove	J. F. Eller, Vilas, "	Smith Hagaman, Vilas, N. C.		1	1	2	3		55	77	132	3	500	400
Flat Springs	D A. Greene Whaley, "	J. S. Guy, Whaly, N. C.				7	1		31	29	60	3	200	300
Gap Creek	C. R. Norris, Sands, "	G. W. Smith, Hopkins, N C.						1	33	52	90	1	555	
Howards Creek	Edmond Greene, Boone, "	E. G. Minton, Boone, N. C.												
Laurel Springs	C. R. Norris, Sands, "	J M Vance. Virgil, "	14	2		5		2	23	50	73	3		
Meat Camp	J. M. Payne, Blowing Rock, "	L. A. Green, Moretz, "	9	8	1	1	1		50	116	175	4	800	150
Mt Calvery	L. C. Wilson, Sugar Grove, "	R. F. Marshall, Balm, "	9	5		4		2	53	111	164	4	650	400
Mt Gilead	David Greene, Whaley, "	J. W. Meadows, Norris, Tennessee				4	1		30	61	91	2	300	350
Mt. Lebanon	Edmond Greene, Sands, "	M. W. Stocie, Vilas, "				6			23	30	53	3	500	400
Middle Fork	L. C. Miller, Stony Fork, "	A. J. Snuff, Blowing Rock, "	2	5	1	1	4		22	40	62	1	325	300
Pleasant Grove	David Greene, Zionville, "	I. R. Isaacs, Mast, "	5	14		2			24	31	55	3	500	300
Pleasant Valley	G. W. Trivett, Sugar Grove, "	H. E. Gwyn, Elk Park "	5	3	2	6	3	5	85	95	180	4	550	300
Rich Mountain	L. C. Wilson, Sugar Grove, "	W. E. Beech, Boone, "	14	1	3	1	7	1	77	90	167	4	500	200
South Fork	L. A. Wilson, Meat Camp, "	I. E. Duncan, Todd, "	4	1		5	2	1	16	29	45	2	350	300
Shulls Mills	C. S Farthing, Sugar Grove, "	G. W Robbins, Shulls Mills, "	3	1	2	2		1	55	72	128	3	1000	400
Sandy Bottom	W. S Hampton, Bamboo, "	S. E. Harrison, Penley, "		5					12	15	27	3	500	500
Three Forks	J F Eller, Vilas, "	Henry Neal Blair, Boone, "	7		2	10		1	33	38	71	1	100	25
Timber Ridge	J. F. Eller, vilas, "	Wade L. Greene, Pearia, "		3		5		1	43	63	106	2	400	500
Union	L. A. Wilson, Zionville. "	J. M. Hodges, Mabel, "		4					23	30	53	1		
Zionville	C. R. Norris, Sands, "	A. Roten, Zionville. "	1	8		3	1		65	83	165	1	700	500
Zion Hill	D. A. Greene, Whaley, "	J. R. Trivett, Trivett, "	2	3	4	4	1		70	111	181	2	800	500

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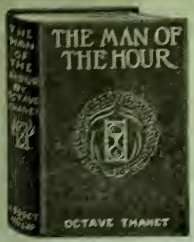
Received by Baptism, 145. Received by Letter, 102. Received by Restoration, 29. Lost by Exclusion, 28. Lost by Death 23. Lost by Letter 111. Total: Mail members 1421, Females 1994, Building and Repairs $1062.35, Poor $49.25, State Missions 29.93. Home Missions 59.72, Foreign Missions 190.06. Sunday School Missions 6.52, Old Ministers Relief 18. 86, Associational Missions: colportage 12.83, Pastors Salary 1481.52, Incidentals 194.29, Orphanage 123.66, Ministerial Education 5.17, Value of church property 17390.00, Minute Fund 31.63, S. S. Expenses 119.81, Other Objects 119.75 —G. W. Robbins, chairman committee.

Sunday School Statistical Table

CHURCHES	SUPT.—P. O.	Offi. & T.	Scholars	Total	Schools	Quarterlies & papers	Months Open	Av Atten.	Baptisms	Expenses	Orphanage	Vol. in Library	Poor
Antioch	John Ward, Watauga Falls, N. C	5	60	65	1	50	6			2.50	155		
Bethel	E J. Farthing, Sugar Grove, "	6	52	58	1	44	12			4.60	155		
Beaver Dam	Lee Swift, Reese, "	8	75	83	1	75	12	60	4			45	
Bethany	L M. Farthing, Matney, "	6	47	53	1		9	37		3 75			
Beech Mt.	G. W. McGuire, Dark Ridge, "	5	30	35	1	42		35		2.00			
Boone	D. D. Dougherty, Boone, "	5	80	85	1	70	12	34	2	8.97	8 34		
Brushy Fork	J. E. Hayse, Vilas. "	6	60	66	1	75	12	40	4	6 00			
Blowing Rock	J. D. Brown, Blowing Rock, "	6	68	74	1	78	12	35		7.60			
Cove Creek	W. F. Sherwood, Amanath, "	9	80	89	1	97	12	50					
Cool Springs	J. F Simmons, Boone, "	5			1	66	6	35		2.15			
ClarksCreek	Joel Eggers, Goo Goo, "	5	20	25	2	13	6	15		60			
Elk Valley	J H Gwyn, Hale, "	8	65	73	1	55	6	55					
Fall Creek	J. R. Gryder, Dark Ridge, "	6	34	40			6	31					
Forest Grove	Roy Dotson, Vilas, "	8	127	135	1	70	12	62		6 00			
Flat Springs	Jacob Greer, Wmaley, "	7	48	55	1	46	9	55		3 00			
Gap Creek	A. R. Yates, Hopkins, "	5	84	89	1	04	6	68	1	2 40	2 00		
Howards Creek	E. G Minton, Boone, "	5	38	43	1	42	6	25		2 47			
Laurel Springs	M L. McNeill, Rutherwood, "	5	87	88	1	38	6	59		2 95			
Meat Camp	N T. Byers, Zionville, "	5	70	75	1	101	6	39		2.29			
Mt. Calvery	J. C. Chappel, Balm, "	5	75	80	1	62	12	50		5.10			
Mt. Gilead	Solomon Younece, Beech Creek, "	6	51	57	1	96	6	40		3 00			
t. Lebanon	P. E. Herman, Vilas, "	5	47	52	1	70	9	34	2	2.00			
Middle Fork	James Elrod, Blowing Rock, "	7	79	86	1		12	42		6 60	2.00		
Pleasant Grove	I H. Mast, Mast, "	8	80	88	1	80	12	63	5	8	0 2 25		
Pleasant Valley	H. D Guyn, Elk Park, "	6	43	49	1		6	59		3.75			
Rich Mountain	M M. Whitaker, Zionville, "	6	180	186	1	33	6	90	4	4 21			
South Fork	W. N. Howell, Brook Side, "	6	60	66	1	46	6	40		2.25			
Shulls Mills	G. W. Robbins, Shulls Mills, "	8	76	84	1	200	8	45		2.50			
Sampson	"	4	29	33	1	20	9	38					
Three Forks	L. N. Perkins. Boone, "	7	53	60	1	65	9	42				50	
Timber Ridge	A. J. Tester, Peoria, "	7	64	71	1	63	12	62		5 57	5.66	1.18	
Union	J. M. Hodge, Mabel, "	7	88	95	1	71	9	44	6	4 30			
Zionville	A. Roten, Zionville, "	8	70	78	1	75	12	64		6.00			
Zion Hill	Henry Glenn, Watauga Falls. "	4	80	64	1					8.00			

Pleasant Grove, Poor, $2.51. Timber Ridge $1 00 Asso. Missions, 2.60 other objects.



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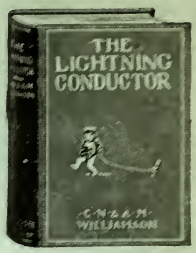

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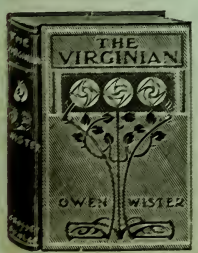

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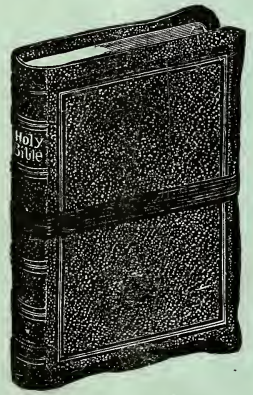

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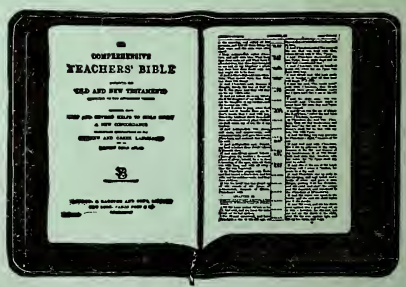

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Watauga County, N. C.

August 25, 26, and 27

1908

Next session will be held with Howard Creek Church. five miles north of Boone, N. C., beginning on Tuesday, after the fourth Sunday in August, 1909. D. A. Greene to preach the annual sermon.

MINUTES
Of The Three Forks Baptist Association.

FOREST GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH,
Watauga Co., N. C., Aug. 25, 1908.

The Three Forks Baptist association convened this day in the house of worship of Forest Grove Church; being its sixty-eighth annual gathering. Singing was conducted by J. R. Isaacs.

J.M. Payne, who was appointed by last association to preach the annual sermon, read from the 8th chap. of John, and after prayer by J.F. Davis, Bro. Payne read 12th V. of same Chap. as a text, giving his attention more especially to the christian's light.

At the close of the sermon prayer was offered by Geo. W. Trivett.

The Mod. stated that the meeting would be adjourned for one hour within which time dinner was served in the house.

Benediction by L. C. Wilson.

1 O'CLOCK P.M. FIRST DAY.

J.R. Isaacs led in a song "He's coming again." Prayer by Geo. Roten for Divine guidance during the session.

The Moderator requested Messengers to present their letters from their respective churches, J.F. Davis and Arthur Wilson were appointed to read the letters. Only 22 churches presented letters at this hour, owing to a continued downpour of rain. All the churches were not represented on the first day.

Cove Creek and Timbered Ridge were represented by messengers, —no letter present. Messengers were seated..

J.F. Davis moved that the rules be suspended and the present Mod. be re-elected by acclamation.

L.C. Wilson made a like motion relative to the present clerk.

L.C. Wilson moved that correspondents and visitors from sister associations be invited to seats.

John Glenn from Ashe association announced himself as a correspondent.

L. W. Farthing moved that the usual committees be appointed.

The following were named as chairman and completed on morning of second day:

Sunday-schools—E.J. Norris and J.H. Mast.

Foreign Missions—J.G. Hagaman, J.H. Farthing.

State Missions—L.C. Wilson, E.F. Jones.

Home Missions—J.H. Farthing with the Clerk.

Education—J.F. Davis, E.F. Jones.

Orphanage—David Greene, H.H. Farthing.

Finance—D.C. Mast, W.H. Eller.

Religious Exercise—Pastor and messengers of Forest Grove church.

Time, Place and Preacher—Geo. Younce, Carrol Greene.

Pastoral Support—J.F. Eller, J.C. Chapell, Oscar Roten.

Temperance—Geo. W. Trivett, J.J.T. Reese.

Correspondents—E.J. Norris, L.W. Farthing.

Resolution—L.M. Farthing, Oscar Roten.

Old Ministers Relief—J.M. Payne, with the Clerk.

Digest of Letters—Wm. Elrod, J.F.Davis.

State of Churches—J.M. Payne, L.C.Wilson, John Norris.

Order of Business—E.M. Greer, L.C. Wilson, J.F. Davis.

L.C. Wilson moved that a committee on Books and Periodicals be appointed.

The Clerk, E.F. Jones, C.S. Farthing committee.

J.F. Davis moved that an invitation be extended to newly constituted churches, or churches from sister associations be invited to unite with this body. None responded.

The com. of Forest Grove church on Hospitalities reported the churches arrangements for homes for messengers for the session.

A motion carried to adjourn to 9 :30 tomorrow morning and spend one half hour in worship. "See the precious golden grain waving" &c. was sung. Benediction by L. W. Farthing.

SECOND DAY.

Morning Session.— A song service was conducted by J.R.Isaacs after which John Glenn of Ashe association, by request of the Mod conducted the religious exercises. After reading the 116 Psalm, Bro. Glenn led in prayer, after which many of the brethren quoted promises from the Bible that had been a great help to them throu' life. After further singing, W .Swift led in prayer.

The association was called to order by the Mod. at 10 A. M.

An opportunity being offered for correspondents to report themselves, P.H. Haire from Ashe association announced himself as correspondent. E.F. Jones a visitor from Seattle association, Wash.

J.F. Davis read the report on Order of Business for the session.

The committees were completed as appears in list of committees.

Letters from eight churches not represented on yesterday were presented and referred to the Clerk.

Roll of messengers called and corrected.

R.M. Farthing announced himself as a visitor from Chowan association.

L.C. Wilson read for the committee the printed Report on

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

of last year as follows:

Believing that the Sunday School is the church engaged in studying and teaching the Scriptures, that it is authorized in the Bible and that it affords the richest and ripest field for Christian endeavor to-day. Your committee would urge:

1st. That our churches put more life energy and consecration into this great work

2ond. That not only our children may be induced to attend, but also that adults be enlisted in large numbers.

3rd. That our schools be kept open if possible, every Sunday in the year.

4th. That we see this is our supreme work: informing about Christ, leading to Christ, bringing up in Christ and sending out for Christ.

We further recommend that our Sunday-schools use the literature of our Southern Baptist Sunday-school Board of Nashville Tenn. and also that they make at least one contribution a year for S. S. Missions, which is the support of our Baptist S.S. work in the state. Each church in our association has a Sunday-school and our work seems to be in a prosperous condition. In the whole State we have 1,500 Baptist S. S., 1,000 officers and teachers, 120,000 scholars.

Respectfully submitted.

E.J. Norris, J.H. Mast, Committee.

The committee on Religious Exercises report P.H. Haire of Ashe association to preach at 11. A. M. in the grove and John Glenn of same association at 2 P.M., but owing to a rain Bro. Glenn failed to preach. E. F. Jones spoke with some objection to the strong terms in the report, viz: "richest and ripest." C.S. Farthing moved to amend by striking out the two words referred to, and substitute "rich" instead. J.F. Davis spoke of some plans by which we may have better teachers and the importance of trying to reach the children. E. F. Jones said we need a better understanding of God's word as a remedy for many of our difficulties in teaching in S. S. E.J. Norris spoke relative to the work in general. The Mod. spoke of the very great necessity of obtaining all the help and helps possible in the study of the Bible in the S.S. L.C. Wilson said we must have helps in our study.

David Greene said we must not reject any thing good because we might once in awhile find something not good.

The report on S. S. was adopted.

C.S. Farting moved that the committee on Correspondents recommend a suitable person to aid the State Supt. of S. S. in his work in this association.

J.J.T. Reese read the

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We hope the worst in our State is past in regard to intemperance. We rejoice with the temperance element of the east, that the western part of our state came nobly to the polls in the recent election and saved the State from the public manufacturer and vender of ardent spirits.

Prohibition does prohibit in the main.

We urge that parental training on temperance be pressed upon our children.

J.J.T. Reese, G.W. Trivett, Com.

Bro. Reese spoke of our advancement along temperance lines.

E.F. Jones spoke of our new position in the State with regard to our temperance atitude—said we must see that the law is enforced now.

J.F. Davis said we must have the nerve to prosecute violators of the law.

Arthur C. Sherwood reported himself as a visitor from the West Chowan association.

Bro. Sherwood spoke further of our ability as citizens and individuals to control illegal traffic and maintain our high atitude attained in our present legislation. Report adopted.

The hour for preaching having arrived, the association sang "Look away from the cross" giving an opportunity for the audience who wished to hear preaching, to pass out to the grove.

J.F. Davis read for the committee the

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

There is a growing and ever increasing interest in the cause of education in our association, as well as in the state and nation. There have been wondrous strides in education in our association in the last ten years.

This is good; but we have not done all we should. We need to give our boys and girls all the school advantages we posibly can, especially our girls. Ministerial education is a subject we need to emphasize a great deal more than we have in the past. The minister of the future will need to be educated to meet the demands of the educated public which he will be called upon to face.

Brethren money put in a boy or girls mind will be preserved for their good to the end of life: while property, given in the way of lands or money may be wasted and not appreciated.

Let us do more and more to aid the cause of education.

The Appalachian Training school at Boone, The Baptist University for women at Raleigh and Wake Forest college are schools where we may send our boys and girls and give them the best of educational advantages.

Respectfully submitted.

J.F. Davis, E.F. Jones.

J.F. Davis spoke of the wonderful increase in educational interest in our county, in the last few years.

E.F. Jones said: we must take advantage of our public free schools.

R.M. Farthing spoke of various features of education.

On motion the association adjourned for one hour.

EVENING SESSION, SECOND DAY.

The association was gathered to the singing of "There's nothing between my soul and heaven." Prayer by David Greene.

R.L. Doughton from Alleghany and Grayson association, and Dean Crisp from Caldwell association, report themselves as visitors from their respective associations.

R. M. Farthing re-states his position on some of his points made in his remarks on education.

L.C. Wilson said: we aught to have a mild compulsory law in force and must have, before we can ever reach our ideals in our public schools.

E.F. Jones reiterated some of his positions on the subject.

C.S. Farthing spoke briefly.

I.G. Greer spoke of conditions at the State University and other higher institutions.

A.C. Sherwood said "I believe in entire separation of Church and State," and called the attention of the association to the Correspondence Course of Wake Forest and asked for the support of the Board of Education of Wake Forest that is aiding young preachers. Report adopted.

H.H. Farthing read the

REPORT ON THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

There are at the Orphanage 375 children to feed, clothe and educate, and they look directly to the Baptists of N.C. for that fund. The weekly expenses of the institution is near $600. No child under 5 years or more than twelve years of age is elligible. We would urge the churches to enlarge their contributions so as to meet these growing expenses of the institution.

H.H. Farthing, David Green, Com.

David Green said: I would rather children of mine would be cared for in the Baptist Orphanage than in the homes of my friends or kinsmen.

The following churches agreed through their messengers to pay the amounts for the Orphanage during the coming year.

Antioch $5, Bethel $10, Boone $15, Brushy Fork $5, Blowing Rock $5, Cool Springs $2, Clarks creek $2, Fall creek $2, Forest Grove a collection, Flat Springs $2, Gap creek $1, Laurel Springs $5, Mt. Calvery $5, Mt. Gillead $3, Mt. Lebanon 1 collection, Middle Fork 4 collections, Pleasant Grove $5, Pleasant Valley 1 collection, Shulls Mills $2, Union 1 collection, Zionville 2 collections. Rept adopted.

J.G. Hagaman read the

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, wish to make the following report:— The time has been when a majority of Christians thought it not right to send missionaries to preach the gospel to the heathen, but now we thank Him who said: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," that that time is passed and forever gone. We all know now that it is right to send men and women to tell the good tidings of a Savior to all who know it not.

Also there has been a time when the missionary was excluded from all the heathen nations but that time, too, is past.

The doors now of all the great heathen nations stand wide open for the missionary to enter and preach the gospel.

A number of men and women, as missionaries, have entered these open doors and looked on the field.

They turn to us and say "Do come over and help us for the people here are in an awful condition."

Ignorance and superstition in the form of idolatry and every abomination reign without mitigation.

It does seem to us that we ought to heed the cry of the missionaries for help and that we ought to obey our Lord's command and go in what ever way he calls us to go.

The report from the foreign field for the last year is very encouraging. 2,174 were gathered into the churches by confession of faith in Christ and baptism. 24 new missionaries were sent out last year by the Foreign Mission Board, but that is scarcely a begining of what we might and ought to do. Brethren, let us prove our faith by our works in a more unmistakeable way from now on.

J.H. Farthing, J.G. Hagaman. Com.

J.H. Farthing made a few remarks with reference to his love for the Foreign Mission work, and how easy our part in mission work in contrast with Heaven's gift in and for the salvation of the world.

E.F. Jones spoke of our ability financially, to send the gospel to the heathen, and of our very great personal responsibility to preach the gospel to the heathen.

R.M. Farthing spoke with reference to the kind of missionaries needed.

J.F. Eller moved to adjourn to 9o'clock to-morrow morning and spend half hour in worship. Prayer by E.F. Jones, especially for the missionaries, and for more laborers and preachers.

C.S. Farthing led in singing 'My christian friends in bonds of love.'

Benediction by P.H. Haire.

THURSDAY 27, MORNING SESSION.

E.F. Jones conducted the devotional exercises.

"How firm a foundation" was sung, after which Bro. Jones read and com'ented at length on the 91st Psalm. John Crisp led in prayer. "Amazing grace" &c. was sung. Dean Crisp spoke of the consolation he had received from the reading of the Psalm.

The Moderator called the association to order at 9 :30.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved. J.F. Davis moved to limit all speeches to ten minutes. The Com. on preaching report Dean Crisp to preach at 11 A.M. J.H. Farthing read the

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Three Forks association desires herein to express her sympathy and best wishes to the Home Mission Board, and our willingness to co-operate with the same in its efforts to give the gospel of Jesus Christ to Cuba, the Negro, the Indian, the Foreigners who are continually coming to our land, and also the destitute places in our own country. We promise our prayers and means to help in this great work.

J. H. Farthing, Smith Hagaman, Com.

Bro. Farthing said the way to solve the "Race problem" is to give the gospel to the races; said further that the 'how and where' belong to the individual, but the "whether or not" belongs to God.

E.F. Jones said the missionary spirit is the life of every christian; the business of a church is to be alive. J.F. Davis said the Three Forks association is virtually asleep on the missionary work.

H.H. Farthing said the churches must have leaders in mission work who are strong for the work. P.H. Haire spoke of our individual responsibility and God's judgements against the individual who fails to render to God the things which belong to God, and further of how easy we can separate from money in the loss of property, doctor bills etc., when we can't see how we can possibly spare the money for God's cause. John Glenn said our interests increase as we work. John Norris, David Greene, R.M. Farthing, C.S. Farthing and others spoke briefly. Rept. on Home Missions adopted.

The time for preaching having arrived, the association sang standing "He's coming again," while the audiance wishing to hear preaching passed out to the grove.

Wm. Elrod presents the

REPORT ON DIGEST OF LETTERS.

We find from letters that we have had 133 Baptisms, 49 received by letter. Restored 192. Lost by death 26, exclusions 37, by letter 127. Compared with records of last year, showing a net gain of 16. Males 1,168. Females 1,653. Total membership, as reported from letters, 2,821. Contributions to various objects as follows:

Pastors' Salary $1,118.97, Foreign Missions $263.12, Home Missions $27.60, Baptist Orphanage $125.66, State Missions $63.44, S. S. Missions $3.70, Ministerial Education $9.33, Poor $31.99, Old Ministers' Relief $10.10, S. School expenses $95.10, Incidentals $172.32, Building and Repairs $510.92, Value of Church Property $13,330. 00, Other Objects $121.46, Minute Fund $23.90.

Wm. Elrod, J. F. Davis, Committee.

C.S. Farthing moved that the clerk be authorized to receive letters from churchs not represented and enter statistics etc. on the minutes

The above report on Digest of Letters does not embrace the Statistics of five churches which were not represented by a letter when the report was made up. A continued rain was supposed to be the cause of absence.

The Clerk read the

REPORT ON OLD MINISTERS RELIEF.

The Ministers Relief Board was established to collect money to aid old ministers in their declining years who have not a living otherwise.

The officers of the Board give their services to the work without any pay whatever. The Board is aiding about 30 old wornout ministers at present, among that number is our dear Bro. John Crisp of our own association, which brings the work closer and makes it all the more endearing to us. The Board has received, this year, for this work, about $550.00.

Our people ought to be liberal in their support of these old men of God who can no longer look to a pastorate for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Payne, Smith Hagaman, Com.

E. F. Jones said the churches ought to make at least one collection each year for this work. J.F. Davis, David Greene, L.C. Wilson spoke insistingly for aid for these old wornout ministers.

A collection was taken for this object, amounting to $9. 40.

J.H. Farthing moved to amend the report by asking the Pastors to take a collection from their several churches some time during this year for this object. Report adopted.

L. C. Wilson read the

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The more we know of State Missions and its needs, the more are we convinced of its importance. Through the medium of this department of our work many destitute parts of the State have been made to blossom as the rose. Through this agency, in a very large measure, N.C. has been advancing step by step, and round by round until she has taken her place among the states as a great Baptist commonwealth. From a little handful, the Baptists have grown to over 200,000 strong. From victory to victory have they gone forth to their work, bearing the message of eternal love to the lost.

State Missions, in its primary import, can only mean the giving of the gospel to the lost of the State. The command to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" should bring conviction to all of our hearts in a special sense in reference to the destitute parts of our lovely land. While the Baptists, under God have done great things for the State in the salvation of thousands of lost souls and in the establishment of hundreds of churches and in a development that has been marvelous indeed, there still remains much that must be done, and done quickly, if the Baptists

shall carry out the commission that God has given them. And while we regard the wisdom of our fathers in planning State Missions and while we regard the wisdom of the Board who is so ably prosecuting this work. And while we regard the fact that many churches throughout the State need help, this association would express by this action to our brethren whom we regard as our advisors as well as our agents, that it is the sense and conviction of this body that very great care should be exercised in the expenditures of the means placed in their hands for the evangalization of the State.

And while we believe in enlargement and in development, we do feel that the first and great command is to preach the gospel to the destitute, to the section of N.C. where they have it not.

Sooner or lator those destitute fields will be occupied by others if we do not hasten to our duty.

We would call attention to the vastness of the destitution yet of the state of N.C., notwithstanding our acheivements. And to the end that every destitute section of the State shall have the gospel, let the Baptists enlarge their vision, open their hearts and lay their hands to this work, that the State may be saved to God and his glory.

Respectfully submitted.

L.C. Wilson, E.F. Jones, Committee.

E.F. Jones gave a short history of State Mission work by other denominations.

L.C. Wilson said we do need development as churches.

Report adopted.

Oscar Roten read the

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

We your Committee on Pastoral Support submit the following:

The churches should awake to a sense of their christian duty and firmly stand by their Pastors in their struggles for the salvation of souls.

We firmly believe a church that will not defend its defender and protect its protector is a disgrace to the map of the world. For the preachers alone without the aid and support of the churches cannot be expected to carry on this great work.

We therefore most sincerely and prayerfully urge this great question of Pastoral Support upon the churches of the Three Forks association.

We hope the day is not far distant when each individual member shall feel it his imperative duty to do more for his Pastor than ever before so that the faithful Pastor may better qualify himself for his sacred duty that the Lord has placed upon him in order to carry a message of love and peace to a lost world.

We further advise a more systematic method among our churches in support of their Pastors and that this great work be done by a united and concerted action on the part of the membership of all our churches.

J.F. Eller, W.O. Roten, J.C. Chapel, Com.

W.O. Roten said I believe the great trouble and cause of failure to support the pastors is due largely to ignorance of what God's word

teaches.

E.F.Jones said we ought to have preaching oftener than once a month.

J.F.Eller said Pastoral Support is the foundation of all our work and the individual who does not help by his means to support his Pastor does not sympathize and pray for his pastor. John Norris spoke briefly. H.H.Farthing suggests the idea of laying out Pastoral fields and employing a pastor all his time.

J. C. Chapell said: I believe it is just as binding on a church to support its pastor as it is on a pastor to preach to a church.

J.F.Davis continued the idea of laying out "Pastoral Fields."

Report adopted. A motion prevailed to adjourn for one hour.

EVENING SESSION, LAST DAY.

"There is a fountain filled with blood" was sung. Prayer by John Glen.

The Clerk read the

REPORT ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

The grace of God saves men, but the activity and usefulness of a christian depends very largely upon his information. The information necessary to an active christian and a useful citizen must come through reading.

It is an undisputed fact that the mind grows and develops upon what it feeds, just as the body grows strong on the kind of nourishment given it; hence the importance of sound, wholesome reading.

We submit that it is the imperitive duty of every man and, especially, every christian to provide himself and family with plenty of good reading matter adapted to their several needs.

The pastorate of any preacher, at this present time, who does not give himself to reading must necessarily be short and the pastor who tries to develop the unreading element of his church finds a very difficult if not an unsuccessful task.

No man can ever be much interested in any department of our christian work until he is thoroughly informed along these various lines of work. This information must come through periodicals representing these different departments of work.

For general information and keeping in close touch with the great Baptist hosts of our own state on all lines, we as Baptists can illy afford to be without the weekly visits of the Biblical Recorder edited by Hight C. Moore and for specific information we ought to have some periodical representing the respective departments of our work namely,—Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Orphanage etc.

Respectfully submitted.

Committee.

The above report adopted.

It is announced that John Glen of Ashe association will preach in the grove at this hour.

C.S.Farthing presents his

REPORT AS COLPORTUER.

I have sold, since last association, all the books bought. I have no books on hand at present.

C. S. Farthing, Colporteur.

Report adopted.

A motion prevailed to continue C.S. Farthing as Colporteur.

L.C. Wilson read

REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

The first that seems to be necessary to be said in reference to this report is to call attention to the very erroneous statement made by the publisher [of last year] when by a misprint or otherwise, made the Com. who submitted the report and the association that passed it and the clerk, who has been for twelve years the efficient servant of this body to say that MANY of the churches, instead of saying that NONE of the churches had gone into heresy.

We feel that it is but reasonable that this association express her disapproval of this action which is calculated to make a very erroneous impression upon the public mind.

And your committee take pleasure in stating that none of our churches have so departed from the faith, notwithstanding we very much deplore the fact that the statistics of the churches which we take as an index to the spiritual condition and state of the churches discloses the awful fact that there is a great want of interest among our people, in that enlargement that it speaks of.

We feel forced to submit that there is a great want of interest in the welfare of the Baptist cause among our people, and would recommend that efforts shall be made for such enlargement as shall make our people that power before the world as is possible for them to be as a denomination.

Committee.

Report on State of Churches adopted.

D.F. Horton presented the following

TREASURERS REPORT.

Bal. as per statement Aug. 28, 1907,		$ 8.85.
Amount received,		204.44.
Disbursments:		
To Bap. Orphanage,	$ 57.10.	
" Walters Durham, Treasurer:		
" Foreign missions,	47.11.	
" State "	7.63.	
" Home "	6.63.	
" T. L. Blalock,	56.75.	
Printing Minutes, including over draft	27.38.	
To Clerk of association,	7.50.	
" Treasurer for Postage,	.54.	
" Balance,	2.65.	
	$213.29.	$ 213.29.

Respectfuully submitted.

Rept. adopted. D. F. Horton, Treas. T. F. Asso.

L. W. Farthing moved to continue D. F. Horton as Treasurer.

Charles Mast submits the

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to submit the following:

Received for Minute Fund,		$ 27.13.
"	Foreign Missions,	40.13.
"	Orphanage,	30.18.
"	State Missions,	13.81.
"	Home Missions,	5.00.
	Total,	$116.25.

D. C. Mast, W. H. Eller, Com.

Report adopted.

CORRESPONDENTS REPORT as follows:

John Norris visited Ashe association; David Green and John Crisp visited the Stony Fork association.

Lewis W. Farthing moved that the reports be rec'd as satisfactory

L. W. Farthing read the

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENTS.

We, your Com. on Correspondents submit the following:

To Southern Baptist Convention, J. F. Davis and W. S. Farthing.
" State Convention, J. F. Davis, W. C. Coffey, L. C. Wilson.
" Brushy Mtn. association, John Crisp, C. S. Farthing,
" Mitchell Co. association, C. S. Farthing, J. W. Trivett.
" New River asso., J. M. Payne, E. J. Norris.
" Caldwell Co. asso., Wm. Elrod, Thomas Greer, John Crisp and Thomas Farthing and L. C. Wilson.

Member of State Mission Board: J. C. Horton.

Assistent Sec. Sunday School Board: W. S. Farthing.

To Ashe association, J. F. Davis, J. H. Farthing, L. C. Wilson.
" Watauga asso., L. C. Wilson, R. M. Farthing, G. W. Trivett, J. Norris, J. H. Farthing.
" Stony Fork asso., Wm. Elrod, C. S. Farthing, J. Eller, J. M. Payn
" Holston asso., W. S. Farthing, J. J. T. Reese.

We recommend the following for Executive Com: J. C. Horton, L. N. Perkins, J. W Farthing, D. D. Dougherty, David Horton, Smith Hagaman.

E. J. Norris, L. W. Farthing, Com.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE, AND, PREACHER.

We, your Com. on time, place, and preacher, submit the following

The association in the year 1909 will convene with Howard's Creek Church on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday next after the 4th Sunday in August. D. A. Greene to preach the Introductory sermon with L. C. Wilson alternate.

G. W. Younce, Carrol Greene, Com.

Report adopted.

J. F. Davis moved that the Mod. appoint the principal committees for next association. The committees were appointed as appears at another place in the Minutes.

J. F. Davis moved to appoint the Clerk to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes of this association, and allow him the usual fee of $7.50 for his services.

L. C. Wilson read the following

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolution 1. We your committee on resolutions submit the folowing: Resolved that this association tender its hearty thanks to the brethren, sisters, and friends of this community for their hospitality and kind support during this session of this association.

W. O. Roten, Committee.

Resolution 2. Whereas, That under God we have been able by the help and co-operation of other friends of sobriety to gain a signal victory over the powers of drunkennes in the recent election on the temperance question.

Therefore Resolved, That this association now in session, express our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for his guiding hand in this victory; and that we deem it fitting to express our appreciation for the support that this great cause has received from all others who have aided in this work.

Resolved, That this association declare loyal support in the cause of temperance in the future, knowing that it is one thing to gain a cause and another thing to sustain that cause.

Respectfully submitted.

L. C. Wilson.

Resolutions were adopted.

A motion prevailed to adjourn to time and place.

The Moderator requested John Crisp, who is the oldest member of the association, to conduct the closing exercises. He, after reading 1st chapter of 1st John, led in prayer.

The association joined heartily in singing "How firm a foundation" while the messengers extended an affectionate hand of parting to each other. Quite probable a number of faces will be seen no more in this association.

Benediction by J. G. Hagaman.

W. S. Farthing, Moderator.

Smith Hagaman, Clerk.

Will H. McGuire, Printer,
Brookside, Watauga County, - N. C.

Statistical Table.

CHURCH.	PASTORS & P. O.	CLERKS & P. O.	Rec'd Baptized	Rec'd Letter	Rec'd Restored	Lost. Letter	Lost. Excluded	Lost. Died	Males	Females	Total	Time of Pre'ching	Value of c. prop'ty	Seating Capacity.
ntioch	J.H.Farthing, Sweet Water, N.C.	W.J.Farthing St.Jude N. C.	6	2	0	10	1	2	65	72	137	1st	$800	400
ethel	J.H.Farthing, Sweet Water	" W.S.Farthing Sweetwater	9	0	4	8	2	2	44	71	115	4th	500	350
eaver Dam	L.A.Wilson, Meat Camp	" John Sherrill Reese	10	0	0	1	1	0	52	69	111	2d	500	400
ethany	L.C.Wilson, Sugar Grove	" J.L.Triplett Matney		0	0	1	0	0	17	25	42	3d	500	200
eech Mtn.	Wm. Cannon, Elk Park	" W.C.Church Dark Ridge	16	5	3	2	0	1	78	94	172	3d	500	300
oone	J.F.Davis Boone	" W.L.Bryan Boone	4	5	0	0	0	0	16	21	37	2-4	500	250
rushy Fork	J. M.Payne, Blowing Rock	" J.H.Presnell Vilas	0	2	1	6	5	0	85	102	187	2d	1000	500
lowing Rock	J.F.Davis, Boone	" J.H.Winkler Blowing Rock	1	1	0	2	1	1	15	27	42	1-3	1250	300
ove Creek	E.F.Jones, Zionville	" W.M.Sherwood Sugar Grove	9	5	1	12	1	3	54	86	140	3d	0000	000
ool Springs	J.M.Payne, Blowing Rock	" C.C.Winkler Blowing Rock	0	1	0	3	1	0	38	49	87	3d	150	200
lark's Creek	C.S.Farthing, Sugar Grove	" G.W.Rowe Valla Crucis	00	0	0	0	0	2	10	25	35	00	000	000
Elk Knob	Not represented.	J.M.South Tamarack	00	0	0	0	0	0	28	32	60	00	300	240
Elk Valley	Not represented.	A.M.Johnson Hale	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	39	61	00	500	400
Fall Creek	D.A.Greene Whaley	" W.B.Norris Hale	3	1	0	2	3	0	19	14	33	00	000	000
Forest Grove	To be elected	Smith Hagaman Vilas	7	1	1	0	2	2	60	80	140	3d	600	400
Flat Springs	D.A.Greene, Whaley	" J.S.Guy Whaley	5	3	0	2	1	0	43	47	90	3d	300	500
Gap Creek	C.R.Norris, Sands	" G.W.Smith Hopkins	11	0	0	0	0	0	40	61	101	1st	555	300
Howards Creek	L.A.Wilson Meat Camp	" E.G.Minton Boone	60	0	0	2	1	0	22	46	68	3d	500	300
Laurel Springs	C.R.Norris Sands	" J.M.Younce Yuma	8	2	1	11	4	1	48	112	160	4h	800	400
Meat Camp	J.M.Payne Blowing Rock	" L.A.Greene Moretz	4	0	0	4	0	5	50	109	159	4h	650	400
Mt. Calvary	L.C.Wilson Sugar Grove	" R.F.Marshall Balm	4	0	0	11	1	0	27	54	81	2d	800	350
Mt. Gilead	James Stout Bakers Gap Tenn.	C.L.Younce Beech Creek	60	2	2	6	2	0	23	30	53	3d	250	
Mt. Lebanon	G.W.Trivett Sugar Grove N.C.	M.W.Storie Vilas	1	2	0	8	0	0	20	37	57	1st	325	300

Middle Fork	J.C.Miller Stony Fork	"	A.J.Shull Blowing Rock	2	4	0	1	1	0	28	31	59	3d	500	400
Pleasant Grove	David Greene Zionville	"	J.R.Isaacs Mast	10	0	0	3	1	3	84	63	187	4h	550	300
Pleasant Valley	G.W.Trivett Sugar Grove	"	H.D.Gwyn Elk Park	6	2	2	1	4	1	79	92	171	3d	200	200
Rich Mountain	L.C.Wilson Sugar Grove	"	W.E.Beach Boone	0	1	0	1	1	0	15	29	44	1st	420	300
South Fork	L.A.Wilson Meat Camp	"	I.E.Duncan Todd	13	0	0	0	1	1	57	82	139	4h	1000	400
Shulls Mills	C.S.Farthing Sugar Grove	"	J.C.Walters Shulls Mills	0	2	0	0	0	0	13	15	27	3d	500	300
Sampson	N.S.Hampton Bamboo	"	S.E.Harrison Penley	0	5	0	4	1	1	37	37	74	1st	100	25
Three Forks	J.F.Davis Boone	"	J.C.Brown Boone	15	4	1	3	0	0	54	76	130	2d	400	500
Timb'r'd Ridge	J.F.Eller Vilas	"	Wade L.Greene Peoria	9	1	0	7	0	0	21	35	56	1st		
Union	L.A.Wilson Meat Camp	"	J.M.Hodge Mabel	1	0	0	6	0	0	62	82	144	1st	500	700
Zionville	C.R.Norris Sands	"	A. Roten Zionville	14	6	3	9	1	1	74	119	191	2d	800	500
Zion Hill	D.A.Greene Whaley	"	J. R. Trivett Trivett	0	0	o	3	2	1	30	34	64	4h	100	200
				172	56	19	128	38	27	1442	2037	3480		14,350	10315

ROLL OF MESSENGERS.

Antioch L. W. Farthing, E. M. Greer.
Bethel Lewis W. Farthing, H. H. Farthing, W. S. Farthing.
Beaver Dam J. J. T. Reese, W. F. Reese, J. C. Sherrill.
Bethany Not represented.
Beech Mtn. J. L. Trivette, T. L. Cook.
Boone J. W. Farthing, Daniel Cook.
Brushy Fork D. S. Fox.
Blowing Rock Letter, but no messengers.
Cove Creek D. C. Mast, Enoch Swift.
Cool Springs Letter, no messengers.
Clark's Creek Lee Storie.
Elk Knob Not represented.
Elk Valley Not represented.
Fall Creek J. R. Gryder.
Forest Grove Smith Hagaman, Charlie Culver, Wm. Eller.
Flat Springs W. F. Jones.
Gap Creek H. E. Greene.
Howards Creek E. J. Norris.
Laurel Springs M. L. McNeil.
Meat Camp Letter, no messengers.
Mt. Calvary J. C. Chapel, W. H. Shoemaker.
Mt. Gilead J. W. Meadows, G. W. Philips, Geo. Laurance.
Mt. Lebanon M. W. Storie
Middle Fork T. F. Greer, Wm. Elrod.
Pleasant Grove J. H. Mast, T. P. Adams, E. H. Perry.
Pleasant Valley J. V. Hagie, M. E. Oaks.
Rich Mountain M. M. Whitacre, A. B. Culler.
South Fork W. A. Tugman, I. E. Duncan.
Shulls Mills Not represented.
Sampson Letter, no messengers.
Three Forks W. W. D. Edminsten.
Timb'r'd Ridge A. J. Tester, Adam Greene, W. H. Eller.
Union Martin Warren, H C. Johnson.
Zionville I. G. Greer, W. O. Roten.
Zion Hill M. P. Edminsten.

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S.L Fox, Vilas	"	S T Carrol, Virgil,	
W H Mikeal, Sutherland		J G Hagaman, Vilas	
D A Greene, Whaley	"	L C Wilson, Sugar Grove	"
C R Norris, Sands		Solomon Green, Virgil,	"
J F Davis, Boone,	"	Powell E Hermon, Vilas	

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Resolutions— J C Horton J W Farthing.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

	Minute Fund	Pastors' Sal	Build & Repairs	Incidentals	Poor	State Mis'ns	Home Mis'ns	For'n Mis'ns	Orphanage	Old Minister's Relief	Other Objects
Antioch	1.15	40.00	00 00	7.00	5.00	00 00	00 00	1.53	5.57	0 00	7.00
Bethel*	1.50	53.00				13.56	10.00	6.10	13.25	2.02	7.60
Beaver Dam	.90	85.69		5.00		3.55	4.48	10185	5.20	3.00	15.00
Bethany	.50	28.10						3.27	1.30		
Beech Mtn.	1.25	48.25	83.84					2.00			
Boone	1.25	144.00		23.50		16.40	4.17	7.34	23.72	2.34	
Brushy Fork	1.60	68.97						3.00	1.87		
Blowing Rock	1.00	75.00	40.00	5.00		6.37	2.25	4.22	11.75	2.74	
Cove Creek	1.00	75.00		8.00	8.50	5.00		34.08	6.74		
Cool Springs	1.25	11.31				1.18		1.15			
Clark's Creek	.30	20.00							.20		
Elk Valley	.65										
Fall Creek	.60	23.75						2.00	2.00		
Forest Grove	.80	36.23	200.00	2.00	2.00	2.60		24.71	4.11		22.55
Flat Springs	.50	15.60	50.00		3 00	5.00		1.			
Gap Creek	.50	30.00				.50		2.			
Howards Creek	75	14.00	50.60								
Laurel Springs	1 35	61.00			19.09	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.72		20.00
Meat Camp	1.16	52.05	25.00					3.15	4.61		
Mt. Calvary	.75	68.86		11 75				7.95	5 65		7.00
Mt. Gilead	60	26.00	2 15	3 50					3 00		

*$5.00 of the amount contributed to Orphanage from Bethel was given by the W. Missionary Soc

Boone pays to Ministerial Education $1.28 also $1 27 for S S Missions.

Blowing Rock for Education $5 53

Beaver Dam $2 52 for Schools and Colleges

Mt. Lebanon	.50	20 00							2.00	50		
Middle Fork	87	27.00							5 00	3.46		
Pleasant Grove	.40	43.35		21 17	2 90	1 13			2.70	4.04		
Pleasant Valley	1 00	75.00							5 00	4.51		13.00
Rich Mountain	50		70 00						5.00			
South Fork	1.00	48.12			1.16				1.80			13.23
Shulls Mills	50	20 00	75.00						2 00	3.00		2 00
Sampson	60	9 65										
Three Forks	1.50	82.00	4 50	8.00		10.00			15.00	6 24		44.00
Timb'r'd Ridge	75	52 85				3 15			10.59	9 17		1 64
Union	70	48 40		17.40			.70		4.75	1 75		
Zionville	1.20	73 75	50.00	75.00					15.98			33 44
Zion Hill	50	10 50							2 01			
	28 48	151738	650.49	117 32	41.65	73 46	26.60		286.09	108.56	10.10	186.46

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE.

CHURCH.	SUPT. & P. O.		Officers & Teachers.	Scholars.	Total.	Volumes in Libr'y	Quar & papers tak.	Months Open	Av att'nd	No. Bapt. s'm school	Con. to Orph'ge.	S. School Expenses
Antioch	W.J.Farthing, St. Jude	N.C.	7	00	00	00	50	6	00	00	00	2.00
Bethel*	E.J.Farthing, Sugar Grove,	"	6	57	63		61	12		7	1.00	5 99
Beaver Dam	J.R.Wilson Reese		8	65	73	50	75	12	55	10		6.50
Bethany	L.J.Mikeal, Hackett		6	50	56		75	12	30		1.13	3 80
Beech Mtn.	T.F.Cook, Sr. Dark Ridge		6	49	55		25		50			1 35
Boone	D.D.Dougherty, Boone		5	80	85	20	75	12	38	2		9.30
Brushy Fork	Alex. Brown, Vilas		5	34	39		226	12				
Blowing Rock	J.D.Brown, Blowing Rock		6	65	71		75					10.00
Cove Creek	W.F.Sherwood, Amantha		11	80	91			12	56	6		
Cool Springs	A.P.Bolick Blowing Rock		5				70	6	30		2.50	2 35
Clark's Creek	G.W.Byrd Goo Goo		4	20	24		12	6	18			
Fall Creek	W.B.Norris, Hale		5	35	40		30	6	27		2.00	.60
Forest Grove	Roy Dotson, Vilas		8	130	138		75	12	65	5		5.25
Flat Springs	Ervin Greene, Whaley		6	60	66		60		50			
Gap Creek	G.W.Smith, Hopkins		6	79	85		48	6	35	4		2 50
Howards Creek	E.G.Minton, Boone		7	56	63		55	6	36			1.50
Laurel Springs	S.T.Carroll, Virgil		5	67	72			6	50			2.25
Meat Camp	W.W.Norris, Moretz		6	58	64		111	6	34			
Mt. Calvary	J.C.Chappel, Balm		6	60	66		58	12	45		5.01	5.25
Mt. Gilead	Solomon Younce, Beech Creek		6	91	97		150	6	65			3 00
Mt. Lebanon	G.W.McGinnis, Vilas		5	82	87		60	9	46	1		1 98

Middle Fork	D.S.Shores, Blowing Rock	6	46	52			12	33			
Pleasant Grove	J.H.Mast, Mast	7	95	102		80	12	60	10		7.50
Pleasant Valley	H.D.Guynn Elk Park	4	30	34		75	6	35			2 50
Rich Mountain	John Penley, Zionville	5	70	75		30	12	40			3 20
South Fork	W.A.Tugman, Amber	7	50	57			6	40			
Shulls Mills	G.W.Robbins, Shulls Mills	7	56	63		75	8	42			3.00
Sampson	E.A.Goins, Penley	5	29	34		54	9				2.61
Three Forks	L.N.Perkins, Boone	7	45	52	50	64	9	40			4 50
Timb'r'd Ridge	A.J.Tester, Peoria	9	80	89	118	75	12	46		6.63	6.07
Union	J.M. Hodge, Mabel	7	80	87		74	12	66	1		4.60
Zionville	George Roten, Zionville	8	75	83	60	75	12	50	6		17.60
Zion Hill	Henry Glen, Watauga Falls	4	64	68			6	40			
		205	1058	2163	298	1852		1222	52	18.26	114.11

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LXIXth ANNUAL SESSION.

HOWARD'S CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH,
Watauga Co., N.C., Tuesday, Aug. 24, 1909.

The Three Forks Baptist Association convened this day in the house of worship of Howard's Creek Church; being its sixty-ninth annual meeting.

D. A. Greene, who was appointed by last association, to preach the Introductory Sermon, read the 1st chapter of 1st Thess. After commenting on the same, the congregation sang "Over in the Glory Land," led by J. R. Isaacs.

At 11 o'clock Bro. Greene announced his subject: "The Origin & Spirit of Missions," using as a text 19th verse of the 16 ch of Matt. Prayer at close of sermon by G. W. Trivett. The congregation sang the second Doxology. Benediction by John Norris.

The Moderator announced that the association would be adjourned for one hour, after which the Messengers would assemble in the house.

AFTERNOON—FIRST DAY.

At 1 o'clock W. T. Vandyke led in singing. Prayer was led by M. L. Kesler for aid of the Spirit during this session.

Letters from the various churches were presented, and were read by J. F. Davis and Will H. McGuire.

During the reading of the letters, the Moderator announced that G. W. Trivett will preach at this hour in the grove nearby; the reading being suspended for those who wished to hear the sermon to retire.

At the conclusion of the reading of the letters, the Moderator announced that the term of office of the present officers has expired. The Moderator then appointed M. L. Kesler and A. J. Sturgill to collect and compare the ballots and report the result of the same.

A motion prevailed to seat the Messengers of Meat Camp church without a letter, the letter not being present.

The Tellers announce the result of the ballot as follows: W. S. Farthing for Moderator, and Smith Hagaman for Clerk.

L. W. Farthing moved that Correspondent Messengers and Visitors be invited to seats. A. J. Sturgill of Ashe Association, and M. L. Kesler of the Baptist Orphanage announce themselves, and are welcomed to seats in the association.

E. J. Norris moved to complete the usual committees. The following were appointed:

Finance— A. J. Greene, and W. T. Vandyke.

Religious Exercises— Pastor and Messengers of Howands Creek church.

Correspondence— J. H. Mast, Lewis W. Farthing, Geo. Roten.

Digest of letters— D. C. Mast and G. W. Robbins.

Order of Business— J. M. Payne, J. F. Eller, and J. H. Farthing.

Obituaries— Will H. McGuire, Asa Brown, and W. N. Howell.

M. L. Kesler was added to the Committee on Orphanage, also to the Committee on State Missions.

Time Place & Preacher— G. P. Sherrill, J. N. Holsclaw, and John Wilkinson.

J. F. Davis read the

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The subject of literature is a very important one. The kind of reading matter which enters our homes has a great deal to do with shaping the lives and characters of our children. Impure, unwholesome literature will leave its mark on its readers, and perhaps lead them to engage in robbery, murder, or other crimes, while good, religious literature will lead in the opposite direction. John Bunyan had access to only two books in his youth, but they were good ones and led in the right way.

Among the many periodicals which your committee would recommend are, the Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children, Foreign Mission Journal, and Home Field, also the publications of the Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn. These are good and wholesome reading, and every Baptist home should be supplied with as many of them as you may be able to take.

Respectfully submitted.

Wm. Elrod, J F. Davis, Com.

Bro. Davis spoke to the report. 1st. Warns the people against reading the cheap literature afloat to-day, such as stories of crime, love stories, tragedies, etc.

2. The advantage of reading the Biblical Recorder, keeping in touch with all the Baptist work in the State, there by becoming more and more interested in all of our work.

A. J. Greene announces that he is outherized to take subscriptions to the Biblical recorder.

M. L. Kesler states that the Recorder is now owned practically by the denomination, and is not allowed to pay over 6 per ct profit He also speaks of his interest in Charity and Children, urging every S. S. to take a club of at least 10 copies, at 60 cents each per year.

The Moderator states that he is sure that the Biblical Recorder through its long history, was never better than at present.

G. W. Robbins spoke of his appreciation of the Recorder, asking that each Baptist family take the Recorder. John Norris added

some remarks. J. F. Eller and Oscar Roten continued the discussion, with special reference to the Recorder. Report adopted.

L. W. Farthing moved that the association adjourn to 8: 30 tomorrow morning and spend one half hour in devotional exercises.

E. J. Norris read the report of the Committee on Hospitality.

Com. on Religious Exercises report M. L. Kesler to preach at 11 tomorrow. J. F. Eller is appointed to conduct the Devotional Exercises tomorrow morning. Prayer led by Geo. Roten. The association sang "Cleansing Fountain," standing, led by W. T. Vandyke.

Benediction by J. M. Payne.

SECOND DAY.

Wednesday Morning, Aug. 25.

A song service was conducted by L. C. Wilson, after which J. F. Eller read the 27th Psalm. Prayer by W. Swift. After singing, I love thy Kingdon, Lord, prayer was again offered, M. L. Kesler leading. An opportunity being extended, a number of the brethren expressed their great appreciation of various promises of the Bible, manifesting much interest and appreciation, making a very enjoyable hour.

The Modrator called the association to order at 9 o'clock.

P. H. Haire from Ashe association, and B. F. Wilcox, N. S. Hampton and J. W. Harrison of Stony Fork association, announce themselves as visitors, and are welcomed to seats.

Minutes of yesterday read and corrected.

The Committee on Order of Business reports, and report as presented, adopted. Roll of Messengers called and corrected.

A motion prevailed to repair to the grove for the transaction of the business, for better comfort, being warm and crowded in the church. J. H. Farthing read the following

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

Some years ago God put it into the hearts of our Baptist fathers to build and equip a home for the poor and unfortunate orphans of the State whom God has laid in our midst and at our doors that we might care for and train them for usefulness in life, and to do all we can to lead these poor orphans to Jesus Christ, that they might be fitted for a happy eternity. Our orphanage at Thomasville is about 24 years old. During this time something like 1,000 children have been sheltered, clothed, fed, and trained, as best they could. This institution has nowhere else to look for support but to the Baptist people in the State. We suggest that all the churches and S. schools take collections through the year for the support of this very worthy cause. God seems to take special notice of this class of children. Zec. 7: 10 "Oppress not the widow nor the fatherless." Ps. 82: 3 Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy." At present there are nearly 400 children in the Orphanage to feed, clothe, and educate. Let us not turn them away.

J. H. Farthing, John Norris, Com.

J.F. Davis moved to adopt the report. Some remarks by J.H. Farthing. M.L. Kesler, Gen. Mgr. of the Orphanage, says the Orphanage is a real industrial school, having 10 months of school, the children working one-half of each day and in school the other half. Our next need there, is mechanical shops for training the children. Says they are trying to beautify the grounds and make the Orphanage a place of pleasant memory to the children. Also spoke of the inside work, its social, industrial, and spiritual life.

A collection was taken for the Orphanage amounting to $17.09.

J.H. Farthing moved to take pledges for Orphanage for next year. Pledges were made as follows:

Antioch	3 col.	Laurel Springs	$5.	Three Forks	2 col
Bethel	$8	Mt Gilead	4	Union	2 col
Boone	10	Middle Fork	3 col.	Zionville	2 col
Brushy Fork	5	Pleasant Grove	2 col.	Zion Hill	1 col
Cove Creek	10	Rich Mountain	2 col	Mt Lebanon	2 col
Cool Spring	2	South Fork	1 col		
Fall Creek	2	Shulls Mills	$2		
Forest Grove	4	Sampson	2 col		
Flat Springs	2	Howards Creek	2 col		

—Report adopted.

The time having arrived for preaching, the congregation sang "Cleansing Fountain." M. L. Kesler read the 53d Psalm. Prayer led by J.H. Farthing, for a special blessing on the sermon about to be delivered. After a song, Bro. Kesler announced as his text: "He shall see of the travail of his soul and shall be satisfied."—Is. 53:11. At close of sermon J. F. Davis led in prayer.

The Com. on Rel. Exercises report P.H. Haire to preach at 2 P.M

L.A. Wilson suggested that the people contribute to the support of Smith Carroll, a blind man who is present. $3. 11 contributed.

Doxology. Benediction by L.C. Wilson. Adjourned to the house at 1 o'clock, p. m.

AFTENOON — SECOND DAY.

Prayer by Oscar Roten. M. L. Kesler read the report on

STATE MISSIONS.

The State Mission Board has been the agency by which the gospel has been preached in many destitute sections in North Carolina. The churches thus organized are now contributing two-thirds of the funds given to the different objects of our Convention. This has been a prosperous year on the mission fields, but new fields white unto harvest, are calling for more men to go in and reap for the Master. Perhaps North Carolina has made more material progress in the last few years than any other Southern state. It behooves us to take the growing towns for Christ and for the Baptists. Let us enlarge our gifts to this object.

W. C. Coffey, M. L. Kesler, T. P. Adams, Committee.

H.A. Eller announces himself a visitor from Ashe association.

M.L. Kesler spoke of the effects of State Mission work on the different fields of the State, a great deal of the territory having been Hardshell, or anti-missionary. J. F. Davis spoke of the necessity of using our opportunities lest others take them. J. H. Farthing spoke of the example of Christ and His apostles preaching to the towns and cities, and that State Mission work in towns and cities as now directed, is right. L.C. Wilson read from the Biblical Recor-

der State Mission statistics, commenting on the same. John Norris added some remarks. Report on State Missions adopted.

By request L. C. Wilson read the Report on

HOME MISSIONS.

The signs of the times are favorable for Home Missions. The million alien immigrants who come into our country each year, the still larger number of native people who move annually into the Southwest and West, the wonderful industrial change now in progress in the south —such facts as these have been used of God to arouse his people to the urgent necessity of taking and holding this land for Christ.

The task proposed is great and demands devoted attention. Of the 90,000 000 people in the U. S only 20 000 000 are members of evangelical denominations. Of the remaining 70 000 000, 12 000 000 belong to Catholics and other sects, while 58 million make no profession of religion. The forces which tend to make this situation worse are active and powerful.

Among the Christian denominations none has such great opportunity and responsibility in winning America for Christ as have Southern Baptists. No other mission board in America last year showed results in conve sions baptisms and additions to churches at all comparable to those which attended the efforts of the missionaries of our Home Mission Board, of Atlanta Ga. Yet the Northern Baptists, Northern Presbyterians and Northern Methodists each spent more than three times as much for their home mission work as Southern Baptists spent. Northern Baptists raised for home missions $904 798 and had 8,462 baptisms, while Southern Baptists raised $283 436 and had 25,109 baptisms. The total additions to mission churches last year from our work was 47 808 which is more than two-thirds the entire membership of the home mission churches of Northern Baptists.

In the Southern mountains, at a cost to the denomination at large of only about $5 for each student, our Board last year conducted mission schools in which 4,316 mountain boys and girls were educated.

In the Southwest great gains came to Southern Baptists through home mission endeavor. Home Board work in this department cost about $70.000 and there were in it 33,000 additions to mission churches. The State Boards had a large share in this work but the result is none the less gratifying.

Among the negroes the evangelistic work of the Board in co-operation with the National Baptist Convention (colored) is wonderfully successful. In fact the Home Mission Board, in each department, brought in a harvest for the brotherhood and for Christ which was beyond precedent, yet the Board feels that it is but beginning to enter upon the larger work of administering for Southern Baptists their larger gifts, which will enable them indeed to take & hold the Southland for Christ.

We recommend more liberal and frequent collections for this work, and that each church get up a club of subscriptions for the Home Field, the admirable monthly magazine of the Board, and that our pastors make it a point to preach more frequently to their churches on home missions. Luther Farthing, Geo W. Trivett, Com.

L. C. Wilson spoke briefly to the report, asking that all the members of this association study the subject matter of the report.

J. H. Farthing remarks that missions means giving the gospel to all people, one as important as another. Report adopted.

The Report of the committee on Foreign Missions was read by the Clerk.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The basic principle of Missions is love—love for Christ, love for the heathen because of love to Christ. Loyal to his commands because of love to the commander.

Southern Baptists sent to the foreign work last year 21 new missionaries. There are now on the field from our Southland 241 missionaries aided by 375 Native helpers, making a total of 616 workers

There are 265 churches with a little more than 575 out stations, with a total membership of 16,800, 325 Sunday schools with a total of about 10,500 scholars.

There were about 3,000 converts baptized during last year, a little more than the total number of baptisms during the first 48 years of our missionary effort. There was expened last year about $475 000

We have four printing plants which sent out during the year hundreds of thousands of religious tracts, periodicals, books and Bibles in every language where the gospel is preached, the result of which with the vast seed sowing cannot be estimated in figures.

There is much to be done abroad.

In the United States there is one preacher for every 500 of the population.

In Japan one to every 114.000.

In India one to every 165.000.

In Africa one to every 220.000.

In China one to every 437.000.

There is much yet to be done at home.

Perhaps the two greatest hinderences in the prosecution of the work from the homeland are to be found in the following:

1st. A want of a sense of personal responsibility.

We of this association have reached a point in our history when there are but few, if any, who do not believe that it is the duty of some one to carry this Message of life to all people, but we are yet far from the point when every christian feels that it is his own personal business.

Many have doubtless never yet said: "Lord what wilt thou have ME to do."

2ond. Indifference from a want of information.

No man can be much interested in that about which he knows little or nothing. "Facts are the fuel which feed the fires of Missions."

"Ignorance is the mother of indifference."

"Knowledge is the basis of interest in Missions" said Gorden.

Hence the tremendous necessity of every christian of every church using some means of keeping in constant touch with the work.

As to the future of Foreign Missions we would say in the language of Judson:—The prospect is as bright as the promises of God.

Respectfully Submitted.

Smith Hagaman, J.M. Payne, Com.

After remarks by the Clerk, J.F. Eller said: we aught to be ashamed of the little we are doing for mission work.

Alex. Wilson said: We must try to impress all our individual membership that it is their duty to aid in mission work.

David Greene spoke of the steadfastness of the heathen convert.

PLEDGES FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

Were taken as follows:

Antioch	3 col.	Forest Grove	4 col.	Pleasant Grove	1 col.
Bethal	$10.	Flat Springs	2 "	Rich Mt.	2 "
Boone	$12.50	Howards Creek	2 "	South Fork	1 "
Brushy Fork	2 col.	Laurel Springs	$10	Three Forks	$5.
Blowing Rock	2 "	Mt. Camp	2 col.	Timbr'd Ridge	2 col.
Cove Creek	$15.	Mt. Gillead	2 "	Union	2 "
Cool Springs	2 col.	Mt. Lebanon	1"	Zionville	2 "
Fall Creek	$1.	Middle Fork	7 col.		

Report adopted.

The Clerk read for the committee, the Report on

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

We, your Committee on State of the Churches, after as careful investigation of the condition of the churches composing this association as we are able to make, find no serious troubles existing, or departure from the Baptist Faith. However, we are pained to deduce from the reports from the churches, our observation agreeing that there is evidently a low state of Spirituality in almost all the churches, taking the little gains we have made during the past year, and the few baptisms as a true index of their spiritual condition, we are forced to the conclusion that our condition is far from what it ought to be, so much so, that it ought to bring serious consideration to every lover of the cause of Christ.

Let every Christian seriously and prayerfully consider his own spiritual condition, lest worldliness, commercialism, etc. crowd out his spiritual life.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. Eller, Chn., David Green, D. A. Green, Com.

J. F. Eller said he was made sad by the reports from the churches —the little gains we have made during the past year.

David Green says there is but one way to arise from our deadness—go to the Lord in prayer. Report adopted.

L. C. Wilson read the Report on

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

No agency, possibly, apart from preaching the gospel, has done so much for the enlargement and development of the Kingdom of our Redeemer and for the salvation of souls as the Sunday School.

To write the history of the Sunday school would only be to write the history of the Baptists in a very large measure.

To tell of the doings of many of the greatest men in the world would be to tell how nobly and powerful many of the Baptist leaders have wrought in this world-wide movement for the lost.

For more than one hundred years have the Baptists been in this work. The first Sunday school society in the world was organized by William Fox, a Baptist deacon, in 1785.

From the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1845, special attention has been given to this department of our work

In 1906 the chair of Sunday School Pedagogy was established in the Theological Seminary at Louisvile, Ky., with Prof. Byron U. Dement in the chair.

We might boast of our organization and point with pride to the out lay for this work, and count with great satisfaction the number of schools organized, but your committee feels impressed to call attention to another feature of this important work which we feel to be the underlying principle and the true purpose of the Sunday-school, viz. A true knowledge of God's word. Such a knowledge as will enlarge and develop into strong and useful men and women, the rising generation of our churches.

With earnestness would we emphasize the extreme necessity of better qualified teachers; teachers prepared for this responsible task to the end that the Sunday-school shall not be an organization for social amusement, but such an agency as would be a power and influence to the end that the world be redeemed.

Respectfully,

L. C. Wilson, E. J. Norris.

L.C. Wilson spoke to the report, especially the last part, impressing the importance and gravity of teaching God's Word. Look well to the kind of teaching in our Sunday-school.

Georg Roten and G.P. Sherrill each said we who attend S.S. ought to get more deeply interested our selves in the work.

E.J. Norris spoke along like lines. John Norris and Oscar Roten continued the discussion briefly. Report adopted.

J.H. Farthing moved to adjourn to 8:30 tomorrow and spend one half hour in religeous exercises.

The Com. on Religeous exercises report J.H. Farthing to preach at 11. A.M. tomorrow and J.F. Davis at 2. P.M.

L. C. Wilson was requested to conduct the Devotional Exercises to-morrow morning.

My christian friends in bonds love was sung.

Benediction by Geo. Roten:

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Thursday Aug. 26.

J.W. Holsclaw led in a song "We shall rise." Prayer by P.H. Haire of the Ashe association. After some remarks by L.C. Wilson relative to the light manner in which so many people, even christians hear the gospel on such occasions as this, he read the 52 chapter of Isaiah. Prayers were again offered by J.F. Eller and G.W. Trivett.

Minutes of yesterday read and corrected.

The Clerk read for the committee

THE REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

There are two ways by which we can support our pastors; first, by prayer and sympathy, and secondly, by giving them a comfort able living. They minister to us in spiritual things; we should supply their temporal wants in order that they may give themselves more entirely to the ministry of the Word. The relation between pastor and people is one of the most sacred on earth, and we fear is frequently regarded too lightly. Our churches will prosper in proportion as we magnify the pastoral office and the pastoral relation. Our pastors ought to devote their time to their churches, but in order that they may do this, a better support must be given them. Many of our pastors would suffer if they had to rely upon their churches for a support. Pastors are partly to blame for encouraging this meager support, but we, as churches, ought to rise in our might and give our pastors a support, and then we can expect more pastoral care.

T. P. Adams, J. H. Mast, Com.

George Roten said this is no light matter, and we must do better along this line. G.P. Sherrill said we must enable our pastors to meet their obligations, by giving them an adequate support. We must look better to the support of our pastors, last we reap direful results from our sinful negligence.

J.W. Holsclaw spoke favoring paying the pastor every month.

J. F. Davis said God intends that the preacher shall live entirely by the preaching of the gospel as much as the priest of the Tabernacle, reading from the Bible, scriptures in support of his position

L. J. Sturgill, of Ashe association, said we just need a little more energy, being well able to support all our pastors. Report adopted.

W. H. McGuire submits the

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Baptist people of North Carolina have labored a long time for the temperance cause, and they have much to be thankful for in the banishment of legalized liquor from our State.

We would urge all our people to aid in, and insist upon, the rigid enforcement of the prohibition law, and to see that we take no backward step along the line of temperance, thereby losing valuable ground we have already gained.

We would earnestly recommend that our people use every opportunity to instill principles of temperance into the minds of our young people, so that a sentiment will be created and maintained so strong against intemperance in all forms, so that future generations will be free from the blighting curse of intemperate influences.

The cause of Christ is too dear, and our boys and girls too precious, to be sacrificed on the altar of strong drink and nerve-destroying narcotics.

Will H. McGuire, Z. T. Watson, Com.

P. H. Haire of Ashe association being called for, spoke at length.

Said we now have sufficient law — we must stand by it — see to it that it is obeyed, prosecute the first offences and thereby stop violation and growth of violation. Report adopted.

I G. Greer read

THE REPORT ON EDUCATION.

At present we regard the subject of Education as the most important question that demands the attention of this association.

The world is rapidly advancing in literary attainments. With this advance the country is being filled with literature and theories detrimental to the moral and intellectual development of our people

With these facts before us, we recommend that all our Baptist parents, teachers, ministers, and churches use their utmost influence to promote both the Literary and Christian education of the masses. To accomplish this, the public schools must be encouraged and supported in every way possible.

In order to keep pace with the educational movement, more of our young people should take advantage of the opportunities offered for a higher education. For work above the public schools, we mention the Appalachian Training School, Boone, N. C., Watauga Academy, Butler, Tenn., Virginia Institute, Bristol, Tenn., Meredith College, Raleigh, N.C., Carson & Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., and Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N.C. as institutions worthy of our patronage.

We recommend that our young ministers secure as thorough education as is within their power, and that our churches pray for more laborers and awake to the fact that they are not giving what they should to this cause. As worthy schools for young ministers

preparing for their work, we heartily indorse Carson & Newman, and Wake Forest colleges, and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Respectfully submitted,

I. G. Greer, W. O. Roten, Com.

I. G. Greer gave as a definition of education: Education is the training of the faculties to be more powerful and God-like,—speaks particularly of the part of the report referring to the education of the masses.

Oscar Roten spoke more especially of the present day needs of higher education, and L. C. Wilson spoke favoring a compulsory school law. Report on education adopted.

W. H. McGuire read the following

OBITUARY.

Elder William Wilcoxon was born Dec. 7, 1818, and died Jan. 30, 1909, aged 90 years, 1 month and 23 days.

He professed faith in Christ and united with South Fork Baptist church in early life where he remained a member till his death, earnestly serving the Master without any shadow of discredit falling across his life.

Seldom, if ever, have we seen a life so filled with purity, christian humility, and sublime piety as his. He devoted more than half a century of his life to the earnest, simple preaching of the gospel, the betterment of humanity, and the advancement of Christ's Kingdom upon earth. His life-work in the ministry is linked closely with the Christian development of this country. His personal character was pure, broad, and unselfish, and his faith burned as great beacon light, even on his death-bed, and truly he held out faithful to the end; preaching his last sermon at New River church just one month before his death, from Matthew 24: 44.

Bro. Wilcoxon is gone from us, but his memory still lingers in more permanent form than that held out by the marble shaft, and the record and results of his life-work will remain after all things material shall have passed away.

Truly may it be said that he "fought a good fight, kept the faith and finished his course" and is now wearing the crown long ago laid up in reserve for him.

Will H. McGuire, Asa Brown, W. N. Howell, Com.

J. F. Davis said the life of Bro. Wilcoxon was one of the most remarkable and uncommon, covering almost a century of the most remarkable history of this country.

L. C. Wilson who aided in the funeral service of Bro. Wilcoxen said: when he was a boy the name of Bro. Wilcoxen was a house-hold word through-out the country.

Geo. Roten said: I think Bro. Wilcoxen preached the first sermon that I ever heard.

J. T. McGuire spoke of his wonderful appreciation of his life-work having heard his last sermon from the text "For in such an hour as ye think not." etc

L. W. Farthing relates his observation of, and acquaintance with this wonderful preacher. J. F. Eller spoke of the great number of converts still living, brought to Christ through the preaching of Bro. Wilcoxon. P. H. Haire and John Norris added remarks.

Obituary adopted.

W. T. Vandyke submits the

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We your committee on Finance submit the following:

Received for Minutes and Clerk	- - - -	$31.14.
" " Orphanage,	- - - - -	38.83.
" " Foreign Missions,	- - - -	30.15.
" " Home "	- - - -	7.04.
" " State "	- - - -	4.55.
" " Poor,	- - - -	.25.
" " Old Ministers' Relief,	- - -	.95.
Total,		$112.91.

A. J. Greene, W. T. Vandyke, Com.

A motion prevailed that a little balance of perhaps 79c. (a discrepency in balancing the financial accounts,) be placed in the Treasurer's hands. Adjourned for one hour.

EVENING SESSION, — LAST DAY.

Prayer by John Norris.

The Clerk read the

REPORT OF COLPORTEUR.

The time given to the care of churches has made it inconvenient for me to canvass much territory this year besides that occupied by the churches attended. The people seem to buy books more readily than they did last year. Respectfully,

C. S. Farthing, Col,

John Norris moves to continue C. S. Farthing Colporteur for the ensuing year

G. W. Robbins submits the

REPORT ON DIGEST OF LETTERS.

We find from letters that we have had 144 baptisms. Received by letter 58. Restored 20. Lost: By death, 41; exclusion, 27; by letter, 103. Membership: Males 1,387. Females 1,848. Total 3,235

Contributions to various objects as follows:

Pastors' salaries $1,675.65. Foreign Missions $126.46. Baptist Orphanage $172.96. State Missions $38.96. Home Missions $38.62. S. S. Missions $5.34. Ministerial Education $2.33. Poor $54.53. Old Ministers' Relief $13.93. S.S. Expenses $126.49. Incidentals $124.73. Building & Repairs $418.60. Value of Church Property $19,824.00. For Other Objects $179.31. Minute Fund $30.94.

G. W. Robbins, D. C. Mast, Com.

The Clerk was authorized to add the statistics of Meat Camp and Bethany churches which were not in the hands of the comm. when making up the report. The above contains all the churches of the association as corrected by the Clerk.

Correspondents reported visiting sister associations as follows: John Norris visited Ashe association; J. H. Farthing visited Watauga association. Report received as satisfactory.

Geo. Roten submits the

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENTS.

We your committee on Correspondents submit the following:
To Southern Baptist Convention — J. F. Davis.
" State Convention — J.C.Horton, L.C.Wilson, J.H.Farthing.
" Mitchell Co. association—L. C. Wilson, D. A. Greene, E. J-Norris, David Horton. [J.H.Mast.
" Caldwell Co. asso.— Wm. Elrod, J.H.Farthing, L.C.Wilson,
" Ashe association— Asa Brown, T. P. Adams, G. W. Trivett, David Greene, J. F. Eller, John Norris.
" Watauga Association, —T. P. Adams.
" Stony Fork association, — Wm. Elrod, C. S. Farthing.
Member of State Mission Board,— J. C. Horton.
Assistent Secretary S. S. Board,— W. S. Farthing.

We recommend the following for Executive Committee: W. C. Coffey, L. N. Perkins, J. W. Farthing, D. D. Dougherty, David Horton, and Smith Hagaman.

Geo. Roten, Lewis W. Farthing, Com.

J. C. Horton read the following

RESOLUTION.

To the Three Forks Association, Sixty-ninth Session,

Brethren:— The undersigned, for your Committee on Resolutions, report as follows:

First. We express our heart-felt thanks to brethren, sisters, and friends of this community for cordial hospitality in entertainment of delegates and visitors attending this session of this association.

Second. We express our gratitude to a kind and loving Heavenly Father for the exceedingly fine and pleasant weather we have enjoyed during this entire session; for the love and unity of our brethren and sisters, and for all that has been accomplished during the past year for our Lord's honor and glory, as well as for all the blessings we have enjoyed during the past year.

Third. That we endeavor to serve Him better during the coming year, and, if possible, to accomplish more in His name and for His sake than we have in the past.

Respectfully submitted for the committee.

Aug. 26, 1909. J. C. Horton.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on

TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER.

We, your committee, report that the next session of our association will meet at Beaver Dam church, Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August, 1910, J. M. Payne to preach the Introductory sermon, G. W. Trivett, alternate.

G. P. Sherrill, J. W. Holsclaw, J. P. Wilkinson, Com.

D. F. Horton read his

REPORT AS TREASURER.

Balance as per statement Aug. 27, 1908,		$ 2.65.
Amount received,		216.94.
Disbursements:		
To Baptist Orphanage, Thomasville,	$ 54.96.	
" Walters Durham, Treas. State Board Foreign Missions,	45.00.	
" State "	17.31.	
" Home "	6.00.	
" Old Ministers' Relief,	11.90.	
" Sunday School Missions,	.75.	
" Gospel Missions, T L Blalock,	53.72.	
" Printing Minutes,	19.69.	
" Clerk of Association,	7.50.	
" Treasurer for Postage,	.36.	
" Balance in Treasury,	2.40.	
	$219.59.	$219.59

Respectfully Submitted. D.F.Horton, Traes. T.F.A.

J. F. Eller moved to continue D. F. Horton as Treasurer.

John Norris moved that the Clerk superintend the printing of the minutes of the association, and that he be paid $7.50 for his services.

L.C.Wilson read the

REPORT ON OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF.

This object should appeal to every Baptist in N. C. with great emphasis. Upon the foundation laid by these old worn-out soldiers of the cross have the Baptists built a great tower of strength. It is to them we owe peculiar honor and gratitude in a large measure for our success as a donomination. And now that their work is done, we should not only feel it a duty but a great pleasure to care for them with the tender care that is so deserving, and feel that when we clothe and feed them, we are but doing it to our blessed Lord. We would urge our people to take this matter to heart. And would urge that every church take a collection for this object during the year.

G. W. Robbins.

L.C.Wilson, G.P.Sherrill, and Geo. Roten submit a few commendatory remarks.

Lewis W. Farthing moved that the Mod. appoint and furnish to the Clerk a list of the most important committees for next session.

G. W. Robbins moved that a Com. of three be appointed to confer with the Historian of the association and examine such matters of history as he may have collected and report at next association, with a recommendation as to its disposition.

Committee: T. P Adams, L. C. Wilson, and I. G. Greer.

[NOTE— Report of Ex. Com. will be found further on.]

A motion to adjourn to time and place prevailed and Alex Wilson was requested to conduct the concluding exercises. After making a short talk, Bro. Wilson led in prayer for blessings during the coming year. The parting hand was extended while "How firm a foundation" was sung. Benediction by J. F. Eller.

W. S. FARTHING, MODERATOR.

SMITH HAGAMAN, CLERK.

Statistical Table.

CHURCH.	PASTORS & P. O.	CLERKS & P. O.	Rec'd. Baptized.	Rec'd. Letter.	Rec'd. Restored.	Lost. Letter.	Lost. Excluded.	Lost. Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Time of Preaching.	Value of Ch. Property	Seating Capacity.
Antioch	J. H. Farthing, Sweet Water, N.C.	W.J.Farthing, St. Jude, N.C.						3	63	71	134	1	$800	400
Bethel	J. H. Farthing, "	" W.S.Farthing, Sweetwater, "	2			1		1	44	71	115	4	$500	350
Beaver Dam	L. A. Wilson, Meat Camp	" John Sherrill Reese, "	10	3	1	2	1	2	58	74	132	2	$500	250
Bethany	J. F. Eller Vilas	" J. L. Triplett Matney "		1		2			17	23	40	4	$500	200
Beech Mtn.	J H Farthing Sweet Water	" W C Church, Dark Ridge "	8	3	2			3	82	102	184	3	$550	300
Boone	J F Davis Boone	" W L Bryan Boone "		1					16	22	38	2	$500	250
Brushy Fork	J M Payne Blowing Rock	" J H Presnell Vilas	3	2	1	3	2	2	84	100	184	2	1000	500
Blowing Rock	J F Davis Boone	J H Winkler Blowing Rock	1	2					15	29	44	3	1250	300
Cove Creek	E F Jones Zionville	" W M Sherwood Sugar Grove		2		1			54	87	141	3		
Cool Springs	J M Payne Blowing Rock	" Alonzo Payne Blowing R'ck	15			2			45	55	100	2		
Clark's Creek	C S Farthing Sugar Grove	" Joel Eggers Goo Goo	2			5		1			31	1		
Elk Knob	W H Micheal, Trade	Tenn J M South Tamarack			2		1		30	31	61	4	$300	240
Elk Valley	G W Trivett Sugar Grove	N.C. D F Bailiff Hale	3			3			42	24	66	2	$500	400
Fall Creek	John Norris Sugar Grove	" W B Norris, Hale	1			3			18	13	31	2		
Forest Grove	G W Trivett Sugar Grove	Smith Hagaman, Vilas	12			3	2		63	83	146	1	$800	400
Flat Springs	D A Greene Whaley	A J Greene Whaley	2	2			3	1	32	31	63	4	$384	300
Gap Creek	I C Miller Stony Fork	G W Smith Hopkins		1		5	2		38	56	94	2	$555	300
Howards Creek	L A Wilson Zionville	E G Minton Boone.	6			5		4	20	45	65	3	$500	300
Laurel Springs	J M Payne Blowing Rock	J M Younce, Yuma				2	1	3	46	108	144	4	$800	450
Meat Camp	L A Wilson Zionville	L A Greene, Moretz				15		3	47	97	144	3	$750	400
Mt. Calvary	J F Eller Vilas	E F Chapell Balm	4	1		6	1	1	24	50	74	2	$800	350
Mt. Gilead	J F Eller Vilas	C S Younce, Beech Creek.	21	6	5	4	4		35	45	80	3	$250	300
Mt. Lebanon	J F Davis Boone	M W Storie, Vilas	14	10	1	2	2	1	29	44	73	4	$800	500

Middle Fork	J F Davis	"
Pleasant Grove	David Greene	Zionville
Pleasant Valley	G W Trivett	Sugar Grove
Rich Mountain	L C Wilson	Sugar Grove
South Fork	L A Wilson	Zionville.
Shulls Mills	C S Farthing	Sugar Grove
Sampson	N S Hampton	Bamboo
Three Forks	J F Davis	Boone
Timb'r'd Ridge	J F Eller	Vilas
Union	L A Wilson	Zionville
Zionville	J M Payne	Blowing Rock
Zion Hill	C S Farthing	Sugar Grove

A J Shull	Blowing Rock	2				1	26	32	58	3	$585	250		
J R Isaacs,	Mast	2		1	2	2	3	51	88	139	4	$550	300	
H D Gwyn,	Elk Park	3	3		3	3	3	77	89	166	3	$200	200	
R L Wall,	Zionville	9	10	1			1	22	41	63	1	$600	300	
Z T Watson	McGuire	4	4			1	1	58	85	143	4	1000	400	
J M Day,	Shulls Mills	9	2					16	22	38	3	$500	400	
S E Harrison,	Penley	2						38	37	75	1			
J C Brown	Boone	3	1		10		2	48	70	118	2	$350	500	
Wade L Greene,	Peoria				1	1	1	19	35	54	1			
A J Greene,	Mabel	4	3	2	8	1		57	89	146	1	$500	500	
G C Greer	Zionville	21	6	1	15	2	1	67	117	184	3	$800	500	
J R Trivett,	Trivett.			1		1	1	26	32	58	2	$200	250	

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTE.

To the Three Forks Association, 69th session,

Brethren:—The undersigned, for your Executive Committee, begs leave to submit their annual report:

The churches to which this Committe has been extending some deserved aid and encouragement for several years, are now—we rejoice to state—entirely self-supporting, and they are contributing liberally to various objects of our denominational work.

Our church at Blowing Rock was aided in construction of a house of worship, by contributions from brethren, sisters, and friends, for all of which we are truly thankful. We now have a splendid house on one of the most beautiful and desirable lots in the town. This house has been completed about two years, and the brethren report all their obligations paid, and we rejoice with them for these blessings.

On application of the Committee, our State Mission Board made appropriation to aid this church in support of their pastor, Bro. J. F. Davis, while they paid off other obligations incurred in building but this year they have paid their pastor and other church expenses, and contributed nobly to objects of our denominational work, and are progressing in all branches of church work.

Our brethren of Rich Mountain church, who have been aided in building a House of Worship, by contributions of brethren, sisters and friends, report their house completed and paid for, also they report liberal offerings to our denominational objects.

Your committee rejoices to make this report to our brethren of this association and we beg to commend and honor our noble brethren and sisters of the above named churches for their zeal and earnestness in the Masters cause and we again urge our brethren to report to this committee, in love any object within our associational bounds, that may need and deserve aid and encouraging support from churches of this association.

Respectfully submitted

August 26 1909. J. C. Horton, Chairman Ex. Com.

COMMITTEES FOR 1910

Foreign Missions—Luther M. Farthing, D. A. Greene, J. F. Davis.
Home Missions—J. M. Payne, J. C. Horton, W. C. Coffey.
State Missions—L. C. Wilson, I. J. McGinnis, E. J. Norris.
Education—J. H. Farthing, T. P. Adams, Powell E. Hermon.
Pastoral Support—G. P. Sherrill, Lewis W. Farthing, Geo. Roten.
Temperance—J. J. T. Reese, John Sherrill, W. Thos. Vandyke.
Sunday Schools—L. A. Wilson, W. H. Michael, David Greene.
Baptist Orphanage—L. N. Perkins, John C. Brown, D. D. Dougherty.
Old Ministers Relief—John Norris, W. H. Eller, Geo. W. Robbins.
State of Churches—C. S. Farthing, S. L. Fox, G. W. Trivette.
Books and Periodicals—J. F. Eller, A. J. Greene, William Elrod.
Resolutions—I. G. Greer, J. A. Wilson, D. C. Mast.
Order of Business—Smith Hagaman, J. M. Payne, L. C. Wilson.

Officers of the Association.

W. S. Farthing, Moderator, ... Sweet Water, N. C.

Smith Hagaman, Clerk, ... Vilas, N. C.

J. C. Horton, Historian, ... Boone, N. C.

C. S. Farthing, Colporteur, ... Sugar Grove, N. C.

Executive Committee.

W C Coffey, L N Perkins, J W Farthing, D D Dougherty, D F Horton, and Smith Hagaman.

Member State Mission Board.

J. C. Horton, Boone, N C.

Member Sunday School Board.

W S Farthing, Sweet Water, N. C.

Ordained Ministers.

John Crisp, Lenoir, N. C
C. S. Farthing, Sugar Grove, "
J. M. Payne, Blowing Rock
I. J. McGinnis, Vilas,
J. J. L. Sherwood, Granite Falls,
W. M. Cannon, Whaley,
J. W. Trivett, Dark Ridge,
J. F. Eller, Vilas, "
S. L. Fox, Vilas,
W. H. Mikeal, Sutherland,
D. A. Greene, Whaley,
C. R. Norris, Sands,
J. F. Davis, Boone, N.C
Asa Brown, Riverside, "
J. H. Farthing, Sweet Water,
G. W. Trivett, Watauga Fall,
Jonn Norris, Sweet Water,
L. A. Wilson, Meat Camp,
Jonn Hagaman, Lenoir, "
S. T. Carroll, Virgil,
J. G. Hagaman, Vilas,
L. C. Wilson, Sugar Grove,
Solomon Greene, Virgil,
Powell E. Herman, Vilas,

FINANCIAL TABLE.

	Minute Fund.	Pastor's Salary.	Building & Repairs	Incident-als.	Poor.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphan-age	Old Minis ters' Relief	Other Objects.
Antioch	1.17	27.00						2.73	2.48		
Bethel	1.50	54.18		7.70		9.00	8.00	9.00	10.70		23.49
Beaver Dam	1.00	87.83		3.45	8.40		4.41	53.38	7.10	3.11	25.00
Bethany	.50	23.30		.25			1.00	7.52	1.50		5.00
Beech Mtn.	1.25	53.80			5.50						46.00
Boone	1.55	128.50		3.50		11.70	3.42	12.35	20.97	2.91	
Brushy Fork	1.60	54.50	1.84	15.00	15.00			6.00	6.84		
Blowing Rock	1.00	125.00	47.50	2.50		5.65	3.31	3.06	4.97	1.96	
Cove Creek	1.00	90.00			6.98	3.50	1.00	22.75	10.00	2.50	
Cool Springs	.87	27.00		1.00				1.50	1.70		
Clark's Creek	.50	12.00	33.00		4.15		60		2.00		
Elk Knob	50	20.00		4.70					4.00		
Elk Valley	60	27.00						60	60		
Fall Creek	40	22 55							2 60		
Forest Grove	75	60 93			2.00			13.19	4 46		11.05
Flat Springs	67	42.75	84.00					1 00	2 00	95	
Gap Creek	75	56 00			25		1.00		1 00		
Howards Creek	55	15 60	12 00	11 00				35	1 85		
Laurel Springs	1.72	80 00			5 00			4 90	5 35		
Meat Camp	1 08	36 20	35.00					1 15	2 90		
Mt. Calvary	75	59 00						6 60	5 00		6.00
Mt. Gilead	.75	30 00			1 75			1 45	4 30		14 00
Mt. Lebanon	75	25.00	25 00	5 50				1 46	60		

NOTE— Boone reports $1.33 for Ministerial Education. Blowing Rock $1. for S. S. Missions and $1.96 for Ministerial Education. For S. S. Missions. Timbered Ridge pays $3. 34, and Pleasant Valley $1.00.

Middle Fork	1.00	42	02	14	20			2	54	2	55	2 55	6.35	
Pleasant Grove	.90	37.50				20	85					3 40	4 51	
Pleasant Valley	1 00	37	50									2 45	2.50	13.00
Rich Mountain	.50	40	00					2.00		2.00		2 00	1 00	1 00
South Fork	1 00	41	00			3.00						1 80	2 20	
Shulls Mills	75	20.00											2 00	18.50
Sampson	.50	13.22								6.98				
Three Forks	1.45	71	41			27.09		4.57		3.00		6.00	8.00	2.00
Timb'r'd Ridge	75	50	00			.75						8.01	8.97	2.41
Union	.73	51.57		37.73		7	08	5.50				2.80	2.45	
Zionville	1.15	75.00										5.00	3 75	10.05
Zion Hill	50	7.00		50.00									1.14	

Roll of Messengers.

Antioch, L W Farthing, W H Glenn.

Bethel, Lewis W Farthing, W S Farthing.
Beaver Dam, W J Hagaman, G P Sherrill, Lee Swift.
Bethany, Letter,— no messengers.
Beech Mountain, J L Trivett, J R Church, W C Church.
Boone, A L Cook, R G Gragg, J W Farthing.
Brushy Fork, J P Wilkerson, J H Presnell, L M Trivett.
Blowing Rock, J D Brown, H C Hayes.

Cove Creek, D C Mast, D F Horton, Asa Wilson.

Cool Springs, I B Cannon.
Clark's Creek, Joel Eggers.

Elk Knob, D B Clark, H L Hockaday.
Elk Valley, H E Eggers.

Fall Creek, W B Norris, Arley Gryder.
Forest Grove, Smith Hagaman.

Flat Springs, Frank Jones, J C Greene.

Gap Creek, John Watson.

Howards Creek, E J Norris, John Robertson, William Bumgarner.

Laurel Springs, T S Watson, J F Salmons, M L McNeil.

Meat Camp, T J Tugman, John I Greene, W L Proffit.
Mt. Calvary J C Blair, G W Brown.
Mt. Gillead, G W Younce, W S Harmon.
Mt. Lebanon, J W Holsclaw, G L Walls.
Middle Fork, D S Shores, W T Vandyke, A J Shull.

Pleasant Grove, L S Pennel, J R Isaacs.
Pleasant Valley, George W Hagee.

Rich Mountain, M M Whitacre, R L Walls, Richard Norris.

South Fork, W N Howell, J Thomas McGuire.
Shulls Mills, G W Robbins, J S Reed, Zeb Brown.
Sampson, W N Storie, S E Harrison.

Three Forks, C J Cottrell, J H Brown, J C Brown.
Timbered Ridge, W H Eller, Carroll Greene.

Union, J F Oliver, R A Thomas, A J Greene.

Zionville, George Roten, I G Greer.
Zion Hill, J R Trivett.

SUNDAY - SCHOOL TABLE.

CHURCH	SUPT. & PO.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars.	Total	Vols. in Library.	Quarterlies and Papers.	Months Open.	Average Attendance.	No. Baptized from S. S.	Contributions to Orphanage.	S. S. Expenses
Antioch	A G Cook, Watauga Falls, N C.	6	50	56		50	6				2.00
Bethel	E J Fartning, Sugar Grove "	6	62	68		50	12	40	1		5.38
Beaver Dam	C B Reese, Reese,	8	85	93	42	60	12	65	9		
Bethany	W D Farthing, Hacket	6	25	61		60	12	39			3.00
Beech Mtn.	J L Trivett, Dark Ridge "	7				50		49			2.00
Boone	D D Dougherty, Boone	6	80	86		200	12	40		19.84	10.25
Brushy Fork	J F Wilson, Vilas						12	60			6.00
Blowing Rock	J D Brown, Blowing Rock	12	90	102		180	12	68			19.42
Cove Creek	John McBride, Sugar Grove, "	11	90	101		100	12	65			11.00
Cool Springs	I T Simmons, Boone	4	40	44		50	6	30			2.00
Clark's Creek	H M & G W Byrd, Goo Goo	5	16	21			6		2		
Elk Knob	D B Clark, Solitude	4	44	48		45	6	25			1.70
Elk Valley	J H Gwyn, Hale	6	30	36		30	12		3		
Fall Creek	W B Norris, Hale	5	30	35		18	6	28			1.00
Forest Grove	Joseph Culver, Vilas	8	108	116		73	12	73	11		4.61
Flat Springs	Smith Eggers, Whaley "	6	68	74		36	9	50			3.50
Gap Creek	J I Welch, Yuma	5	62	67		280	6	48			2.86
Howards Creek	E G Minton, Boone	5	25	30		45	6	23	6		1.35
Laurel Springs	Elzy Phillips, McGuire	5	80	85		80	9	50			3.20
Meat Camp	T J Tugman, Moretz	6	47	53		80	6	32			2.40
Mt. Calvary	J C Blair, Balm	7	53	60		65	12	45	3		5.20
Mt. Gillead	G W Younce, Beech Creek "	10	85	95		75	6	75			3.50
Mt. Lebanon	H M Bumgarner, Vilas	7	70	77		72	12	45			4.50

Middle Fork	William Pennell, Boone		7	40	47			12	31				
Pleasant Grove	E H Perry, Zionville		9	81	90		320	12	56	2			9.06
Pleasant Valley	J H Evans, Elk Park		5	25	30		25	6	30				2.00
Rich Mountain	W A Pennel, Zionville		6	68	74		32	12	50	5			3.20
South Fork	W A Tugman, Amber		5	50	55		40	6	30				2.50
Shulls Mills	G W Robbins, Shull's Mills	"	5	69	74				31				3.71
Sampson	W M Storie, Penley		11	78	89			7					
Three Forks	L N Perkins, Boone		7	45	52	50	60	9	35			8.66	4.75
Timb'r'd Ridge	J N Gryder, Peoria,		7			118	78	12	45			3.31	6.13
Union	A J Greene, Mabel		9	93	102		75	12	47	4			6.77
Zionville	George Roten, Trade,	Tenn.	7	73	80	60	60	12	50	2			4.80
Zion Hill	Henry Glen, Watauga Falls,	N C	4	55	59			6	45				3.32

Pastors

Smith Hagaman

Valle N.C.

MINUTES

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- Seventieth Anniversary -

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THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

BEAVER DAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Watauga County, N. C.

August 30, 31, and September 1,

1910.

Next Session to be held with Mt. Calvary Church, beginning on Tuesday after fourth Sunday in August 1911.
G. W. Trivett to preach the annual sermon;
J. F. Eller, alternate.

Minutes

Of The

Three Forks Baptist Association.

LXXth ANNUAL SESSION.

BEAVER DAM CHURCH,

Watauga Co., N. C., Tuesday Aug. 30, 1910.

The Three Forks Baptist Association met this day in its 70th annual session, in Beaver Dam Church house. After a short song service, conducted by J. R. Isaacs, J. M. Payne who was appointed last association to preach the introductory sermon, read 24 verses of 1st chap. of Phil. Prayer led by C.S.Farthing. Congregation joined heartily in singing "Amazing Grace," after which Bro Payne announced as his text: "For me to live is Christ." After the sermon J.H.Farthing led in prayer. The Moderator then expressed a desire that we all may now have one purpose—the glory of God in our attention to the duties of this session. "Jesus lover of my soul" was sung by the congregation. Benediction by David Greene. Adjourned for one hour.

P. M. SESSION

Met as per adjournment. Singing led by J.R.Isaacs. Prayer by W.H.Hicks of Watauga association.

J.J.T.Reese announeed that W.H.Hix will preach in the grove immediately, if the rain cease.

The Messengers presented letters from the various churches.

L C Wilson moved that the letters be referred to the Comm. on Digest of Letters, without reading.

The time for the organization having arrived, a motion prevailed that Wm. Shull, of Watauga association, cast the ballot of the association for the present encumbents, W S Farthing Moderator, and Smith Hagaman Clerk.

The Clerk read the following

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

First Day.

1. Organization 1 P. M.
2. Invite Correspondents and Visitors from sister associations.
3. Appoint all necessary committes for the session.
4. Rep't of Committee on Sunday Schools.
5. Report of Committee on Periodicals.

Wednesday Morning:

1. Devotional Exercises, 8:30 to 9 a. m.
2. Reading Minutes and Roll Call.
3. Report on Baptist Orphanage.
4. Report on Missions, (*a*)State. (*b*)Home. (*c*)Foreign.

Wednesday Evening:

1. Report of Committee on State of the Churches.
2. " " Pastoral Support.
3. " " Old Ministers' Relief.
4. " " Digest of Letters.

Thursday Morning.

1. Devotional Exercises, 8:30 to 9 a. m.
2. Reading Minutes.
3. Report on Obituaries. 4. Report on Education.
5. Report on Temperance. 6. Report of Colporteur.
7. Appoint Colporteur.

Thursday Evening:

1. Report on Finance. 2. Report of Treasurer.
3. Appoint Treasurer. 4. Report of Corresponding Messengers
5. Report of Com. on Correspondents. 6. Rept. on Resolutions.
7. Report of Com. on Time, Place, and Preacher.
8. Appoint Committees for next Association.
9. Appoint some one to Superintend the Printing and Distribution of the Minutes.
10. Miscellaneous Business.

Respectfully submitted.

Smith Hagaman, L. C. Wilson, J. M. Payne, *Com.*

John Norris moved to change the order so as to allow the Colporteur to make his report this afternoon.

The Order of Business, as amended, is adopted.

Invited Correspondents and Visitors from sister associations to announce themselves. The following announced themselves:

From Bulah Association, Tenn: J.H.Milburn.

From Watauga Association: Wm. Shull, W.H. Hix, and Jesse Gambill, Correspondents, and J.H.Love and J.H.McReynolds, vis.

From Sweet Water association, Tenn., J.G.Pulliam, visitor.

From Holston asso. Tenn., W.H.Farthing, Correspondent.

From Lebanon asso. Va., W.M.Barker, visitor.

John Norris moved that the question as to seating visitors who may not belong to sister associations, be referred to a committee of three. John Crisp, J. G. Pulliam, W. H. Farthing, committee.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Finance—W. Y. Perry, John Brown.

Religious Exercises— Pastor and Messengers of Beaver Dam Ch.

Correspondents— Geo. Younce, Whitfield Farthing.
Digest of Letters— Will H. McGuire, Charlie Mast.
Obituaries— J. F. Eller, W. F. Shull, L. C. Wilson.
Time, Place, and Preacher— Wm. Eller Sr., Geo. Roten.

The Committee on S. S. not being present, Wm. Shull and E. J. Norris were appointed a Com. on Sunday-schools.

W. F. Shull read last year's report on

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

No agency, possibly, apart from the preaching of the gospel, has done so much for the enlargement and development of the Kingdom of our Redeemer and for the salvation of souls as the Sunday-school. To write the history of the Sunday-school would be to write the history of the Baptists in a very large measure. To tell the doings of many of the greatest men in the world would be to tell how nobly and powerful many of the Baptist leaders have wrought in this world-wide movement for the lost. For more than 100 years have the Baptists been in this work. The first Sunday-school society in the world was organized by Wm. Fox, a Baptist deacon, in 1785.

From the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1845, special attention has been given to this department of our work.

In 1906 the chair of Sunday-school Pedagogy was established in the Theological Seminary at Louisville Ky , with Prof. Byron U. Dement in the chair

We might boast of our organization and point with pride to the out lay for this work, and count with great satisfaction the number of schools organized, but your committee feels impressed to call attention to another feature of this important work which we feel to be the underlying principle and the true purpose of the Sunday-school, viz. A true knowledge of God's Word. Such a knowledge as will enlarge and develop into strong and useful men and women, the rising generation of our churches.

With earnestness would we emphasize the extreme necessity of better qualified teachers; teachers prepared for this responsible task to the end that the Sunday-school shall not be an organization for amusement, but such an agency as would de a power and influenne to the end that the world de redeemed.

Respectfully,

Wm. Shull, E. J. Norris. Com.

G. W. Robbins moved that the report be adopted.

W. F. Shull spoke of the wonderful world wide Sunday-school movement of the present generation.

E. J. Norris talked very briefly of the increase in Sunday-school interest in our association.

J. G. Pulliam said: no church can do well unless it has a Sunday-school, and that every teacher aught to be examined as to their own convertion, faith, and doctrine before they are allowed to teach in S.S.

W. H. Hix of the Watauga association said our teachers must study the word by all means before they can be successful.

Report on Sunday-schools adopted.

A. J. Greene read the report on

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

This is an age of BOOKS add PERIODICALS. From this source the greater part of our information is obtained, therefore it is highly necessary that wisdom be used in selecting our literature.

In youth is the time when strong impressions are made and lasting ideas are moulded. This being true, much care ought to be taken in what children read. They should have literature that teaches industry, arouses moral purity and strengthens religious faith.

Our position as Baptists would be invigorated if church members

in general would read some books on our history and particular principles advocated dy us. "A Short History of the Baptist" by Vedder and "Doctrines of our faith" by Dargan are two helpful books.

We suggest that it would be wise for Pastors to mention occasionally good books and papers for church members under their care to read.

For general information of our work, the "Biblical Recorder" is very helpful, and the publications of our several divisions of work are instructive.

Respectfully,

J. F. Eller, A. J. Grecne, Wm. Elrod, *Committee.*

A. J. Greene discussed: Why read books and periodicals?

1. For information concerning all our work.

2. For inspiration our literature should be carefully selected.

J. F. Eller said our people know too little of the Bible, and that we must guard closely our reading matter, and that no home is, or can be what it ought to be, unless it has a good religious paper.

L. C. Wilson read some effects of reading bad literature.

The Moderator said we must supply good literature to small children adopted to their understanding even before they can read the Bible, and that S.S. teachers should by all means use the Baptist Teacher and a Bible Dictionary.

J. G. Pulliam said: The Press is one of the most tremendous powers for good or bad. Avoid literature of a bad spirit.

W. F. Shull, G. W. Trivett, und E. J. Norris continued remarks.

Report adopted. C.S. Farthing, Colporteur presents his

REPORT OF COLPORTEUR.

I have only a few books on hand, and can be ready to pay the fund over to the Treasurer in a short time if the association will so order. As I will not be able to visit all the churches of the association next year. I think some one should be appointed who can.

Respectfully,

C. S. Farthing, *Colporteur.*

W. F. Reese read the report of Beaver Dam church's Committee on Hospitality. A motion to adjourn prevailed. Prayer by J. H Milburn. W. H. Hix was requested to conduct Devotional Exercises tomorrow morning. A song, "Not Made With Hands," was sung. Prayer at closing by W. F. Shull.

SECOND DAY.

Wednesday morning, Aug. 31.

J R Isaacs conducted singing. Prayer by W F Shull. W H Hix read the 34th Psalm, commenting on the same. Prayer by J H Mc Reynolds. By request of Bro. Hix, a number of brethren quoted many precious promises from the Bible, after which J. H. Milburn led in prayer.

The Moderator in the chair at 9:30. Minutes read and approved.

Roll called and revised. J C Brown read the report on

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

Our Orphanage is located at Thomasville and has been in existence for 25 years, and during that time has sheltered more than 1000 children. These boys and girls have been fed and clothed by gifts from the Baptists of N. C. and their friends.

By having reference to the minutes of last year you will see that our contributions are far too small. They amount to only a few cts. per. member, therefore we urge our churches to lay more stress on this very important part of our work. He who said: "Suffer little children to come unto me." Also said, "The poor ye always have with you. He also said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive. Oh the blessedness of having a part in saving poor children from a life of degredation and ruin and giving them an equal chance in the race of life to become great and good citizens.

Respectfully submitted.

J. C. Brown, *Com.*

G. W. Robbins moved its adoption.

J.C. Brown said, we surely ought to do more for this work than we are doing. W Y Perry said, I would prefer that, should I die, my children should be cared for in the Baptist Orphanage rather than by my own people.

G. W. Robbins spoke of the increasing interest in the Orphanage work. L. W. Farthing spoke of the relief from anxiety on a death-bed by the assurance that our children can be cared for in the Orphanage. Geo. Roten urges that all who possibly can, visit the orphanage and know more how the children are cared for. John Norris said the Bible means, by visiting the orphan, to help by doing something. C.S. Farthing suggests that we all indicate what we will do this year. G. W. Trivett spoke of his sympathy for the Orphanage, and suggests that the churches adopt some specific plans to look after it. J M Payne and J F Eller urge the members to take Charity and Children. W. H. Hix spoke of the difference of orphanage work in Tenn. and N.C. J H Milburn spoke of the manner of caring for orphans. The following is indicated for the Orphanage during the coming year:

Antioch $5. Bethel $10. Beaver Dam $10. Bethany 1 Col. Beech Mtn. 2 Col. Boone $10. Brushy Fork 3 Col. Blowing Rock 2 Col. Cove Creek $15. Cool Springs 2 Col. Clark's Creek $2. Elk Knob 2 col. Elk Valley 2 col. Fall Creek $3. Forrest Grove $5. Flat Springs $2. Gap Creek 3 col. Howard's Creek 3 collections Laurel Springs $3. Meat camp 2 col. Mt. Calvary $5. Mt. Gillead $5. Mt Lebanon 2 col. Middle Fork $5. Pleasant Grove 2 col. Pleasant Valley $5. Rich Mountain 2 col. South Fork 2 col. Shulls Mills $5. Timbered Ridge $5. Union 3 col. Zionville $5. Zion Hill 2 col —— Pledges, $100; collections 35.

J J T Reese reports that J G Pulliam will preach in the grove at 11 a. m., and J H Milburn at 1 p. m.

J G Pulliam presents the following report on

SEATING CERTAIN VISITORS &C.

Your Committee to whom was referred the question of seating in this association visitors whose rights to such seats have been ques-

tioned, report as follows: We find a considerable apprehension that in case certain ones are seated in the body as visitors that they may, through the acquaintance thus established, disturb the fellowship of this body by advocating methods of work contrary to the practice of some of the churches represented here, and apprehension also embraces the fear that in the event that any of these remained for awhile to preach among any of the churches that their propagation of these methods would disturb the peace and work of the churches of this association, by precipitating upon them a needless and hurtful controversy. In the judgment of your committee there are only two tests of fellowship that can be applied to visitors for whom seats are being sought. The first is *Doctrine*. No man could honestly accept a seat in a body of Baptists even as a visitor, who is not in full accord with the commonly accepted principles of the churches composing that body. This test has not been raised in the question before us. The other test is that of *Conduct*.

No reflection has been cast upon the Moral Standing of any one for whom a seat has been sought.

Your committee does not for a moment believe that this association would refuse to seat a brother solely because he was in favor of Boards, nor would they in our opinion refuse to seat a brother solebecause he was in favor of Gospel Missions. But in the candid judgment of your committee, this association ought not to seat any man as a visitor be he a Board man or Gospel Mission man who through the acquaintance created by being thus seated, would by preaching by conversasion, by the circulation of books, or papers, or in any other way create strife and division. Several years ago Baptist churches and individuals in this association were greatly disturbed on the question of methods in missions. There has been no controversy among us for several years on this question. It is generally understood and accepted among the churches of this associaaion that in case a church or individual wishes to send contributions to either Gospel missions or the Boards that they do so, and that they be let alone in this right. Our people want peace on these questious. Your committee believes that every Baptist within the bounds of the association ought to resist a reopening of the question of Methods in Missions. Let us "endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace."

J. G. Pulliam, W. H. Farthing, John Crisp, *Committee*.

W Y Perry moved the adoption of the report. After discussion, report is adopted. G W M Barker withdrew his requst for a seat.

The association sang "Laban" while those who wished to hear the sermon by J G Pulliam should pass out.

L C Wilson read the report on

STATE MISSIONS.

The command to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" should bring conviction to all of our hearts in reffcrence to the vast destitution of our beloved State.

Notwithstanding our achievements as a denominition the case is a more urgent one than when we began. With the rapid material growth and development of the State, the constant increase of population lays stress upon the perpetual duty devolving upon Baptists

We feel the command spoken of by Is. "To lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes" is a call to the Baptists for that preparation and qualification that they may "Break forth on the right hand and on the left" to the end their seed may inherit the gentiles and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.

Patriotism alone will not allow us to move with slack hands and sluggish hearts. Not only are we sent on a mission of mercy; for the salvation of the lost, but for the redemption of the rising generation from that flood of heresy sweeping over our lovely land.

Through the medium of State missions many destitute parts of the State have been made to blossom as the rose. Through this agency in a very large measure, N. C. has been advancing step by step until she has taken her place among the States as a great Baptist commonwealth.

What a mighty host we have become. From 15,000, seventy five years ago, we have grown to a multitude numbering 395,000 of which number 219,000 are white and 176,000 are colored. What limitless possibilities lie out before us.

We are glad that the time has come when State missions is no longer a question among our people.

To deny the claims of this cause is to stand in the way of the progress of the kingdom of Jesus Christ. If we do not hasten to our duty in giving the gospel to the rising generations of the State, God will hasten our desolation as a denomination.

While we rest upon our arms our enemies are marching forth with a determined step to take the field.

Let every true Baptist take his stand under the banner of the Cross, and be determined and satisfied with nothing short of North Carolina for Christ.

Respectfully,
L. C. Wilson, E. J. Norris, *Committee.*

J. M. Payne read the report on

HOME MISSIONS.

After his resurrection our Lord announced his programme of missoons. It was: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Math. 28:18. Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15), beginning at Jerusalem (Luke 24: 47); and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age.

The scheme of missions outlined by the Savior took in the entire world. But the nature of the case, as well as his command and the apostolic example, made the world vision include the lost who were near, as well as those who were far away.

Peter and John healed the lame at the temple gates. The lame man of today sits at the gate of every church. The Jerusalem church was overwhelmingly successful in interpreting the gospel to its own community. Having the purpose and power to save those around it, it had the spirit that naturally and necessarily sends forth wholesome streams of saving truth to the dark places beyond.

Our Jerusalem and Judea and Samaria are in the U. S. Are we doing our part to take and keep our country for Christ?

Out of 90,000,000 population in the U.S. there are only about 20,000,000 members of evangeical denominations. Are we not too much neglecting our Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria?

Have our churches the unselfish Christian love and consecration to take hold of the crying needs of the submerged and neglected on the one hand, and of the pleasure seekers and money-mad on the other? The world is asking whether we have a gospel that is strong enough to command the hearts and lives of sin-buffeted men, and bring the harmony of love where now abides the discord of hate and selfish greed.

Alien immigrants flock to our shores at the rate of a million a year, and perhaps two million more of our own people each year are uprooted from their own environment and brought together in new relations in towns and on the frontier. In these people-movements is at once a great problem, and an unvoiced cry, that ascends up before God for a gospel that will bring order out of chaos, and replace the selfish hardness and barrenness of sin with good citizenship and brotherly love.

The Christian denominations of America are awakening to the magnitude of these problems, and others not here mentioned. They are turning with an encouraging unanimity to Home Missions as the means whereby such problems must be solved.

Southern Baptists must take a large part in saving the lost of America. We hold the gospel in its purity. Since we have so much to give in making good Americans, while at the same time we make Christians, we are under the deeper obligation to do large things. Because we are larger than any other Christian body in the South, our obligation is greater than any other.

God has blessed the labors of the missionaries of our Home Board to far larger fruitage than that shown by the reports of similar mission boards.

The Board last year reported 27,426 baptisms, and 52,910 additions to churches, through the labors of missionaries, supported wholly, or in part, by it. No mission board in the world has reported results one-half as large as these. No home mission board in America, so far as we can find, had results more than one third as large, though several expended four times as much in the work.

Our people are becoming aroused to the large importance of Home Missions, and each year the Home Board receips are larger. This year the Southern Baptist Convention is asking for $400,000 to be raised for the work of the Home Board.

Your committee recommends:

That our pastors be requested to make an earnest effort at least once during the year to preach a special sermon on Home Missions, and the magnitude and importance of the problems involved.

That each of our churches during the year make at least one liberal offering for this work.

That a club of subscribers be raised in each church for the Home Field, the unusually attractive and illuminating monthly magazine of the Home Board.

That churches and pastors be encouraged to make a large use of the Home Board's information tracts and sample copies of the Home Field, both of which are free for the asking.

The address of the Home Mission Board is 723 Austell Building, Atlanta, Ga.

Committee.

L. M. Farthing read the report on

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The command of Christ to his diciples was to go into all the world and preach his gospel to every nation. For his people to fail to do this is to disobey his plain command. To fail to obey Christ will surely mean a great deal to those who disobey—the loss of many precious blessings, even the joys of salvation. God certainly placed upon His people the responsibility of carrying the good news of life to a dying world for His peoples' own good; and He will require of them an account of their stewardship at the last day. This work is twofold in its nature—it blesses, immeasurably, those who bear the precious seed, and also those who receive it.

God has greatly blessed this work during the past year, for which let us praise His name. Our missionaries have pressed forward in all parts of the field. There is not a state in that great Catholic stronghold —Brazil— but has a Baptist station. In China and Japan the opportunities for reaching the benighted people are sixfold greater than twenty years ago. Never in the history of our work in foreign lands have we had reported so many baptisms in one year (3223), and never before have our people given so largely to the work, ($501,058,84.)

The great need in all our country is to get our people aroused to the importance of the work, and especially to inspire them to give in love. It is very important that all, not a part, of God's people be enlisted in this work. There are three things this work still grealy needs:

1st. More consecrated workers in the field.

2nd. More means consecrated to the Lord's work by His people.

3rd. More earnest prayers in behalf of the work.

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. Farthing, D. A. Green, *Committee.*

L. C. Wilson said, although there are here submitted three reports on missions, there is, in fact, only one great cause represented—giving the gospel to all people who have it not.

J. M. Payne said, I am more interested in Home Missions the more I know of them; and further, I am sure that we do not realize the awfulness of being lost, wherever the lost may be.

W. H. Hix said Jesus Christ is the author of missions,—relating a number of instances of the wonderful effect of the gospel among the heathen.

C. S. Farthing emphasized the individual work.

The following for missions indicated:

Antioch 9 col. Bethel $30. Bethany 1 col. Boone $60. Brushy Fork $5. Cove Creek $15. Cool Springs 3 col. Elk Knob 1 col. Elk Valley 1 col; Fall Creek $2. Forest Grove 4 col. Gap Creek 3 col. Howard's Creek 2 col. Laurel Springs $6. Meat Camp 2 col. Mt. Calvary $5, Mt. Gillead 2 col. Mt Lebanon 2 col. Middle Fork 3 col. Pleasant Grove 2 col. Pleasant Valley 2 col. Rich Mountain 2 col. South Fork 2 col. Shulls Mills 2 col. Three Forks 3 col. Timbered Ridge $5. Union 3 col Zionville $5. Zion Hill. 2 col. Blowing Rock 2 col.

Report on Missions adopted.

A motion prevailed to adjourn for one hour. Benediction by D. A. Greene.

AFTER NOON -- Wednesday.

Association resumed its work at 1:30 p. m.

By request the Clerk read the

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

Two very serious obligations are incurred in the call and accepting of a pastorate.

Whenever a church elects a Pastor, that church, by that act, places itself under the very strongest moral and scriptural obligations to give him a support for the time for which he is elected, according to the ability of the church.

The preacher who accepts the pastorate of any church, by that act, places himself under equally as strong obligations to do his very best pastoral service for that church.

The church that fails to support its Pastor is guilty of a great wrong; and the Pastor who is given a support, and fails to apply himself to preparation for that work, thereby commits a great wrong against that church.

God, foreseeing teat it would be best, for all concerned, that the preacher should get his living from those whom he serves, so ordained (1st Cor. 9: 14), and the church or Pastor that changes this plan cannot expect the best results.

We see by reference to the minutes of this association that the churches have increased their contributions to their Pastor each year for the last ten years—amouting to a total of about $100 annually by all the churches.

We would, therefore, recommend that each member of the respective churches immediately take up this matter with himself, first; then we are sure the church will go forward.

Being a delicate question for the Pastors to handle, the Deacons, and others, should look carefully after the Pastor's support.

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis W. Farthing, G. P. Sherrill, Geo. Roten, *Committee.*

G. P. Sherrill read some scriptures relative to liberality. He said this association is by no means doing what it ought to for the Pastors. Said we ought to pay the Pastor every meeting.

Geo. Roten said: Our ministers ought not be compelled to labor for their living.

W. H. Farthing said: All these questions increase in interest with us as we work at them. I am as much under obligation to help preach the gospel, in my sphere, as the preacher—so is every member. Report is adopted.

By request, Wm. Shull read for the Committee the report on

OLD MINISTERS RELIEF.

God seems to have arranged that his ministers, as a rule, shall be poor, and that they shall be dependent upon those whom they serve for a support; consequently when old age comes many of them have nothing laid by for the closing hours of life, when they are no longer able to preach.

The Ministers' Relief Board was organized for the purpose of collecting funds that would in some measure relieve these conditions

Last year there was collected for this purpose $3,179.85, with a balance from the year before of $1,029.32 making a total of $4,209.17

There was paid out to 37 beneficiaries $2,150,65, leaving a permanent interest-bearing fund of $8,875.

Four have died during the year. There are now 32 old ministers, or their widows, aided from this fund. Among this number is our own beloved John Crisp.

The urgent request of the Board that all the churches make a Christmas offering to this object, so that Christmas may be to these old wornout ministers what Thanksgiving service is to the Orphanage.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. Robbins, John Norris, W. H. Eller, *Committee.*

G. W. Robbins spoke briefly to the report.

Will H. McGuire read the report on

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

We find from the letters placed in our hands, that during the last year we have had 155 baptisms. Received by letter 53. Restored 24. Lost: By letter 92, excluded 52, by death 42. Membership: Males, 1, 392, Females 1,948, Total, 3,340. A net gain for the year of 105 members.

Contributions to various objects as follows:

Pastors' Salaries, $1,426.07, Building & Repairs, $405.30, Incidentals, $76.07, Sunday schools, $134.09, Poor, $136.80, State missions, $30.65, Home missions, $18.66, Foreign missions, $190.52, Orphanage, $218,91, Old Ministers Relief, $10.78, Other Objects, $151.80, Value of church properly, $17,430, Minutes & Clerk, $29.10. Letters from two churches not included in above report. Mt. Calvary and South Fork ask for next association.

Will H. McGuire, D. C. Mast, *Committee.*

Report is adopted.

A motion prevailed to postpone until tomorrow morning the report on State of the Churches.

W. F. Shull is requested to conduct the devotional exercise in the morning. Prayer by Lewis Farthing.

J. G. Pulliam makes announcement concerning "The Foreign Mission Journal."

W. H. Hix also makes announcement concerning "The Home Field," published at Atlanta, Ga.

"Blest Be The Tie That Binds" was sung at close.

Benediction by John Norris.

THIRD DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercise was conducted by J. H. Farthing, who, after reading a Psalm, led in prayer. Geo. Roten led in singing, after which prayer was offered—Hugh Hagaman leading. A number of brethren expressed their feelings in different passages of scripture, applicable to our various needs. Prayer by G. P. Sherrill.

The moderator in the chair at 9:15.

J. H. Milburn makes announcement concerning "Arkansas Baptist" and "Baptist Flag."

J.J.T. Reese, for the committee, announces that J. H. Milburn will preach at 11 o'clock, and J.H. McReynolds at 1 p. m.

C.S. Farthing read the report on

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

We are glad to report that there has been revival meetings in some of our churches this year which has not only resulted in leaving the churches in a better state, but the additions were sufficient to advance the number of baptisms reperted to the association by the churches, above that of last year, although there has been no manifestation of any advancement in many of the churches from their state last year. We are sorry to report that there has been preaching in our bounds this year introducing doctrine to our people, the evil influence of which we fear will be felt in years to come.

Respectfully,

G.W. Sherrill, S.L. Fox, C.S. Farthing.

Report is adopted.

J.J.T. Reese read the following report on

TEMPERANCE.

Except theology, there is no subject on which there has been more written than that of Intemperance, for the reason that it has caused more heart-rending agony, and more bitter tears than any. Words have been exhausted in describing its awful influence, and and the destruction it has brought.

Many people like to talk Temperance, to show that they are on the right side; and some, in their enthusiasm, make extravagant assertions, even to the suffering of death, rather than use a small quantity, if it would be the means of restoring health. Some bring us tobacco, &c, as a twin evil of intoxicating liquors. We think these arguements very hurtful to the cause of Temperance. We should discuss it, and act it, in a sensible way, till people have confidence that we are in earnest.

Local option is better than no prohibition, but those who oppose state wide prohibition, and say they are in favor of local option, are not really in favor of temperance as much as they should be.

Temperance is gaining ground. There is less revenue paid into the United States treasury from spiritnous liquors than for many years past. It is only a matter of time when all the states will declare for prohibition.

There is a sentiment among some appearantly good people, that the revenue from liquor is necessary to help maintain the Government. They do not consider that money, through liquor license, is to lay upon the altar, intelligence and manhood of our young men, the virtue of our girls, the happiness and sanctity of our homes, the hope of the future of our children, the cause of religion and morality, the immortal souls of our people.

J.J.T. Reese, John Sherrill, *Committee.*

Bristol. Tenn-Va., Aug. 25, 1910.

Mr. John Sherrill, Reese, N. C.

My Dear Bro;– Replying to yours of the 2nd, I will give you some facts secured from the Mayor's records. Oct. 1, 1908 to Sept. 1, 1909, "dry", 156 arrests for drunkenness, and

fined $2,817. Oct. 1, 1909 to Aug. 24, 1910, "wet" 408 arrests for drunkenness, and fined $5,826¼

Total arrests are estimated by the Mayor to be nearly three times as many in the wet period as in the dry, and about two-thirds of these crimes are, directly or indirectly, traceable to the use of liquor.

A very interesting item is found in the matter of wife beating. In two years before the saloons were closed, the Mayor had before him about forty cases charged with wife beating. During two "dry" years not a single case. Some half dozen cases were before him in a short time after the saloons were opened again.

I do not remember to have seen a single drunk man on the street during my residence of 15 months in "dry" Bristol, but have seen a great many since the reopening of saloons.

The Mayor informs me that a very large number of business men who were active for the "wets" in the last election, in the belief that the opening of saloons would increase business, are now very free to express their realization of the mistake they made. This is true especially of the Jews. The Mayor and many others think that there is no doubt that the town will vote "dry" again next July.

I have had occasion to observe the great increase in the demands for charity during the last winter over the preceding. Our Ministerial Association and the Salvation Army have tried to do our charity work in organizad fashion. Many new cases of charity were directly the result of the reopening of the saloons. Men, who took their wages home and paid grocery bills regulary, were unable to pass the open saloon with its fierce odors, and they paid their drink bill first, and had little or nothing for groceries and clothing. Three such cases were reported to the Salvation Army on the third Saturday night after the reopening of saloons.

Trusting that you may be able to use the above to good account in the promotion of "dry" sentiment to the glory of God in your Association, I am,

Very fraternally yours.
[signed] C. T. Taylor.
Pastor West Bristol Baptist Church.

J.G. Pulliam, J.J.T. Reese and W.H. Farthing spoke of the direful effects of the return of the liquor traffic to Bristol.

W.Y. Perry spoke of the danger of returning to intemperance, even in prohibition territory.

J.G. Pulliam spoke of the dangers threatening prohibition in N.C.

W.H. Farthing and John Norris continued the discussion.

Report is adopted.

L.C. Wilson read the following

OBITUARY.

Elder David Greene was born January 26, 1849, and died September 14, 1909.

He was married to Miss Elizabeth Brown in 1866, to which union was born one son and one daughter, who still survive him. He professed faith in Christ in 1866, and joined the Baptist church at Meat Camp. He was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry February 2, 1878. In the face of very great adversities which grew out of that horrible war, and made it difficult in the extreme to procure an education—surrounded by many other disadvantages and under such influences that would naturally suppress, rather than inspire, a call to such a noble cause—he rose undaunted. Notwithstanding the adverse circumstances and opposition, which stood up as great mountains, he began a work; a work heavenly and divine. Called with a holy calling, he went forth bearing the message of eternal life to the lost. For thirty-one years he toiled, true, faithful and undaunted, to the Baptist faith. He served, at different terms, thirteen churches in the Three Forks Association, with much satisfaction to the people.

He baptized, possibly, more people into the fellowship of those churches than any one of his day. But his work on earth is done; and this Association can only bow with humble submisson to the

will of Him who doeth all things well. And do we point with pride to the monument erected to his memory—a monument not of marble, erected by human hands, but one of a more enduring substance, reared by a consecrated and devoted life to the service of God.

If temperance had a champion in the community in which he lived, if the church had a defender of the faith it was David Greene.

In the death of our dear brother, friend and foe have learned the worth of his life in the church, and the community in which he lived. This Association would express her deep sympathy to the bereaved widow and children in this sad affliction.

Respectfully,

J.F. Eller, *Committee.*

C.S. Farthing moved that the Committee be allowed to prepare later an obituary of Solomon Greene, and furnish the Clerk the same to appear in the Minutes—allowing a discussion of Solomon Green's life at present session.

OBITUARY OF SOLOMON GREENE.

To do justice to this subject would be the undertakong of no little task. He was born Jan. 18, 1832; died March 26, 1910. Ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry Jan. 14, 1884. He was married to Miss Elzy Triplett Jan. 4, 1849, to which union was born eleven children, of which only three survive him.

Like many others of his day, he entered the ministry in the face of manifold difficulties, without a preparation, as the world would say. But by diligent study, and research for the truth, and a knowledge of God's word, he became noted for his soundness in the doctrines of the Bible.

He was for many years a constant reader of "The Biblical Recorder," and was ever found standing for enlargement and development of the church in all of its work. It was Solomon Greene who stood among his people as a prince in Israel. To know him right, in his sphere of life, was to honor and respect him as one of the pillars in the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

Of a truth, Laurel Springs church, as well as the Three Forks Association, sustained a great loss in the death of this dear brother. Although he is removed from our midst, he still lives in the hearts of his people.

It is with sad hearts that this Association chronicles the death of such men as Solomon and David Greene, who have fallen out of the ranks on earth, to take their place among the blood washed throng around God's throne.

Respectfully,

J.F. Eller, L.C. Wilson, *Committee.*

John Norris spoke of the life work of David Greene briefly.

J.F. Eller said: I knew David Greene for fifteen or twenty years. I knew him to be one of the most fearless defenders of the right I ever saw.

L.C. Wilson spoke of David Greene as one of the strongest supporters of the cause of temperance of his day. And as to the life of Solomon Greene said, I knew him to be a splendid man, and a strong supporter of the right.

J.M. Payne said: David Greene impressed me as a man who loved God.

J.H. Farthing spoke of the noble character of David Greene; and G.P. Sherrill also attested, by a few words, his noble character.

James Stout of Watauga association was recognized as a visitor.

"All hail the power of Jesus name" was sung while the congregation passed out to hear a sermon in the grove by J. H. Milburn.

J. G. Pulliam read the report on

EDUCATION.

Next in importance to Religeon is the Education of our children. We cannot afford to be careless about the matter, muchlessin different. The education of the youth is important in order to the proper development and training of the mind, and also in order to create and preserve a proper balance of the whole intellectual nature. This will assist in preserving physical health; for no one can preserve bodily health who is not under the control of a well balanced mind.

A well trained mind is also a great aid to usefulness in that it enables a person to reason soundly upon all questions, and to arrive at correct conclusions, and to discriminate between truth and error.

Baptists have sure been the champions of education. Our very principles would compel this. We have ever stood and now stand for equal rights for all and special privilages for none. We stand for the free and full investigation by the individual of every subject touching human rights.

Baptist principles have never in the history of the world had so free and so fair a field everywhere as to day.

Education is becomeing more generally diffused among the masses of people. They are reading, thinking and concluding for themselves

The time has passed, thank God, when people can be shut up to act in social, business, political or religious, acts with doing their own thinking and acting on their own judgment. Moreover the time has come when there is more independent investigation of the scriptures to find out their real meaning than before. Baptists hail this day. We not only want our own children's minds trained to think with independence, but we want the minds of others trained for the same purpose. This report makes bold to assert that the cause of so many conflicting opinions on religeon as represented by various denominations lies in the fact that many people do not investigate for themselves, but accept what others say, and that without examination.

T. P. Adams, J. H. Farthing, *Committee.*

J. G. Pulliam said education is not putting into a person but rather the developing that which is in the individual training the mind.

J. H. Farthing spoke of the present day advantages of education.

C. S. Farthing and L. C. Wilson spoke to the report.

Report adopted.

Lewis Farthing moved that two brethren be appointed with the Treasurer to employ a Colporteur.

T. P. Adams and C. S. Farthing were appointed committee.

A motion prevailed that the Treas. be instructed to receieve the colporteage fund and turn over to the Colporteur his note.

Adiourned one hour.

EVENING SESSION—LAST DAY.

W. Y. Perry led in singing "What a friend" etc.

Prayer by J. J. L. Sherwood.

W. Y. Perry submits the report on

FINANCE.

We your committee on Finance submit the following:

Received for Minutes and Clerk,		$27.98.
"	Orphanage,	87.57.
"	Foreign Missions, (Bd.)	14.54.
"	Gospel " (Blalock)	38.74.
"	Home "	3.85.
"	State "	5.85.
	Old Ministers' Relief,	.50.
	Total,	$179.03

W. Y. Perry, J. C. Brown, *Committee.*

Report adopted.

J. J. L. Sherwood reports attending Caldwell and Catawba associations. Others report failing to attend.

D. F. Horton submits his

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance as per Statement Aug 26, 1909,		$2.00.
Amount Received,		$303.56.
Disbursements:		
To S. H. Averitt, Treas. Baptist Orphanage,	$88.23.	
To Walters Durham, Treas. State Board:		
Foreign Missions,	27.03.	
State Missions,	10.62.	
Home Missions,	10.04.	
Old Ministers' Relief,	2.95.	
Poor,	.25.	
Gospel Missions, T. L. Blalock,	129.10.	
Printing Minutes,	23.64.	
Clerk of Association,	7.50.	
Treasurer for Postage,	.60.	
Balance in Treasury,	5.60.	
Total, - -	$305.56.	$305.56.

Respectfully submitted,

D. F. Horton,

Treas. Three Forks Association.

J. F. Eller moved that D. F. Horton be continued Treasurer for next year. L. W. Farthing reports on

CORRESPONDENTS.

We your committee report the following:

To Southern Baptist Convention,—D. D. Dougherty.

To State Convention—L C Wilson, J H Farthing.

To Brushy Mtn. Association—J J L Sherwood, Wm Elrod.

To Holston Association— David Green, J. J. T. Reece.
To Mitchell Co. Association— David Greene, John Norris.
To New River Association— Ira Duncan.
To Ashe Association— G. W. Trivett, John Eller.
To Watauga Association— G. W. Trivett.
To Stony Fork Association— Will H. McGuire, John Norris, T. F. Greer, J. M. Payne, C. S. Farthing.
To Caldwell Co. Association— W. S. Farthing, J. H. Farthing, J. J. L. Sherwood.

We recommend the following brethren for Executive Committee: J. C. Horton, Smith Hagaman, J. H. Mast, W. S. Farthing, L. N. Perkins, W. C. Coffey.

G. W. Younce, L. W. Farthing, *Committee.*

W. Y. Perry moved to allow all members in good standing in this association to report as Correspondents to sister associations.

L. C. Wilson is added to Committee on Resolutions.

Geo. Roten reports as follows, on

TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER.

We, your committe, report that the next session of our association will meet at Mt. Calvary church, Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August, 1911; G. W. Trivett to preach the Introductory sermon, J. F. Eller, alternate.

Wm. Eller, Geo. Roten, *Committee.*

L. W. Farthing moved that the Clerk superintend the printing & distribution of the minutes and that he be allowed $7.50.

L. C. Wilson read the following

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, It appears that there is still considerable want of vital interest in the progress and development of the churches composing the Three Forks association:

Therefore Resolved, That it is the sense of your Committe that stronger efforts be put in force to bring about that enlargement and development that, that increased power and efficiency as a denomination may be made manifest to the world.

Resolved that the Three Forks Association return thanks to the Beaver Dam Church and surrounding community for the royal way in which they enteatained this association.

Praying the blessings of God upon His work committed to His people.

D. C. Mast, L. C. Wilson, Com.

A motion prevailed to instruct the Clerk to let the job of printing the Minutes to Will H. McGuire.

L. C. Wilson of the com. appointed last year to examine Historical Matter collected by the Historian, says they are not prepared to make a full report as to its disposition. Lewis Farthing moved to continue same com. with addition of two others, to report at the next association. Smith Hagaman and W. S. Farthing were added.

A motion to adjourn. By request of the Moderator, John Crisp conducted closing exercises. Read 39th Psalm. After prayer by Bro. Crisp, How firm a foundation was sung. The parting hand was extended. Benadiction by J. G. Pulliam.

W. S. FARTHING, Moderator.

SMITH HAGAMAN, Clerk.

Officers of the Association.

W. S. Farthing, Moderator,	Sweet Water N C
Smith Hagaman. Clerk,	Vilas, N C
J C Horton, Historian,	Boone, N C

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

J C Horton, Smith Hagaman, J H Mast, W S Farthing,
L N Perkins, W C Coffey.

Member State Mission Board:

J C Horton, Boone, N C

Member Sunday School Board:

W S Farthing, Sweet Water, N C

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

G W Trivett, Sugar Grove, N C
J W Trivett, Dark Ridge, "
John Crisp, Lenoir,
J J McGinnis, Vilas,
W M Cannon, Whaley,
W H Mikeal, Sutherlands,
Asa Brown, Riverside,
L A Wilson, Zionville,
J G Hagaman, Vilas,
J H Farthing, Sweet Water, N C
C S Farthing, Sugar Grove, "
J M Payne, Blowing Rock,
J J L Sherwood, Granite Falls
J F Eller, Vilas,
D A Greene, Whaley,
John Norris, Sweet Water,
S T Carroll, Virgil,
L C Wilson, Sugar Grove,
Powel E Herman, Vilas.

Roll of Messengers.

Antioch, L W Farthing, E M Greer, E M Harmon.
Bethel, Lewis W Farthing, Alexander Hagaman, W S Farthing.
Beaver Dam, J J T Reece, G P Sherrill, W J Hagaman.
Bethany, L M Farthing, W D Farthing.
Beech Mtn, W T Jones, J L Trivett.
Boone, B J Council.
Brushy Fork, J H Presnell, W T Hayes.
Cove Creek, W Y Perry, D F Horton, D C Mast.
Cool Springs, Alonzo Payne.
Clarks Creek, Joel Eggers.
Elk Knob, D B Clark.
Elk Valley, A M Johnson.
Fall Creek, J R Gryder.
Forest Grove, Wm. Eller, Smith Hagaman, Hugh Hagaman.
Flat Springs, Jeremiah Greene.
Gap Creek, A R Yates, John Watson.
Howards Creek, E J Norris, Paul Williams.
Laurel Springs, T S Watson, J M Younce.
Meat Camp, W T Profit.
Mt. Calvary, C L Shoemake, J D Shook.
Mt. Gillead, Solomon Younce, G W Phillips, G W Younce.
Mt. Lebanon, G W Rowe, M W Storie.
Middle Fork, T F Greer, A J Shull.
Pleasant Grove, John Eggers, E H Perry, Walter E Icenhour.
Pleasant Valley, J L Oaks.
Rich Mountain, W A Pennel.
South Fork, I E Duncan, Will H McGuire.
Shulls Mills, G W Robbins, T L Jones.
Three Forks, J C Brown, J H Brown.
Timbered Ridge, W H Eller, J L Gryder, A J Tester.
Union, W W Campbel, H A Greer, A J Greene.
Zionville, R S Roten, Cicero Greer, Geo. Roten.
Zion Hill, M P Edminsten.

COMMITTEES FOR 1911.

Foreign Missions—J M Payne, Will H McGuire, E J Norris.
Home Missions—J H Farthing, W Y Perry, I G Greer.
State Missions—J T Eller, T P Adams, C J Cottrell.
Education— D D Dougherty, L M Farthing, Newton Howell.
Pastoral Support— J J T Reese, J H Mast, D C Mast.
Temperance—A J Greene, W E Elrod, Alex. Greene.
Sunday Schools—L C Wilson, Geo. Roten, P C Younce.
Baptist Orphanage—Geo. W Trivett, E M Greer, W J Farthing.
Old Ministers Relief—I J McGhinnis, W W Presnell, D F Horton.
State of Churches—John Norris, J F Eller, J M Payne.
Books and Periodicals—C S Farthing, S L Fox. W F Sherwood.
Resolutions— L A Wilson, John Sherrill, Alex. Hagaman.
Order of Business—Smith Hagaman, W W Eller, Dudly Farthing.

Statistical Table.

CHURCH.	PASTOR & P. O.	CLERK & P. O.	Baptism	Letter.	Restored.	By Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Male members	Females.	Total	Time of Preaching	Valur of ch. property.	Seating Capacity.
Antioch	G W Trivett, Sugar Grove,	N. C. W J Farthing, St. Jude, N C	4	1	0	00	00	1	66	75	141	1	$800	400
Bethel	J H Farthing, Sweet Water,	" W S Farthing, Sweetwater "	16	1	3	5	1		52	77	129	4	$500	350
Beaver Dam	L A Wilson, Zionville	John sherrill, Reese "	1			1	1	2	58	72	130	2	$400	275
Bethany	J F Eller, Vilas	J L Triplett, Matney				3			16	22	38	4	$250	300
Beech Mtn.	W M Cannon, Elk Park,	" G W McGuire, Dark Ridge,		4	2	3	13	1	74	101	175	1	$500	500
Boone	J H Farthing, Sweetwater	W L Bryan, Boone	15	6		6			27	27	54	2	$500	250
Brushy Fork	J M Payne, Blowing Rock	J H Presnell, Vilas	3	1	2	5	2	2	82	98	180	2	1000	500
Cove Creek	J H Farthing, Sugar Grove	D C Mast, Sugar Grove,				6		3	43	65	108	3	1000	500
Cool Springs	J M Payne, Blowing Rock	Alonzo Payne, Blowing R'k.		2	1	3		2	43	48	91	3	300	200
Clarks Creek	C S Farthing, Sugar Grove	" Joel Eggers. Goo Goo,					1		7	23	30	1	300	300
Elk Knob	W H Michael, Trade,	Tenn. J M South, Tamarack	7	3	1				31	41	72	3	$275	240
Elk Valley	G W Trivett, Sugar Grove,	N. C H L Laurance, Hale,	8	2		6		1	44	24	68	2	$500	400
Fall Creek	John Norris, Sweet Water	" W E Norris, Hale, "							18	13	31	2	$300	
Forest Grove	J F Eller, Sugar Grove	Smith Hagaman, Vilas		1		2	3	1	60	80	140	3	$800	400
Flat Springs	D A Greene Whaley	A J Greene, Whaley				3	2		28	29	57	4	$400	300
Gap Creek,	P H Haire Fleetwood.	G W Smith, Hopkins,				2	2		37	53	90	4	$555	300
Howards Creek	L C Wilson, Sugar Grove,	E J Norris Sands,	5	9					26	53	79	4	$500	300
Laurel Springs	J M Payne Blowing Rock,	" J M Younce, Yuma,	12	4	1	1		3	66	114	180	4	$800	450
Meat Camp	L A Wilson, Zionville,	L A Greene, Sands, "	6			3	3	2	44	98	142	3	$750	400
Mt. Calvary	J F Eller, Vilas,	E F Chapel, Balm,	27	4		2	5	1	38	63	110	2	$300	350
Mt. Gillead	J F Eller, Vilas,	C L Younce, Beech Creek		1		1			34	46	80	3	$400	300
Mt. Lebanon,	L C Wilson, Sugar Grove	" H M Bumgarner, Vilas, "	1	4		1	2		31	44	75	3	$800	400

Middle Fork	J M Payne ✓	Blowing Rock		A J Shull,	Blowing Rock,	1	1				26	34	60	3	$600	250			
Pleasant Grove	L A Wilson, ✓	Zionville		J R Isaacs,	Mast	29	2	1	2	3	55	87	142	4	$550	300			
Pleasant Valley	G W Trivett ✓	Sugar Grove		H D Guyn,	Elk Park	8		7		4	1	77	90	167	3	$200	200		
Rich Mountain	L C Wilson, ✓	Sugar Grove,	"	R L Walls,	Zionville,	1	2				24	42	66	1	$600	300			
South Fork	L A Wilson, ✓	Zionville		Will H McGuire,	Brookside,	1	3		17		53	77	130	4	1000	400			
Shulls Mills	C S Farthing ✓	Sugar Grove		I M Day,	Shulls Mills				2		15	21	36	3	$500	400			
Three Forks	I C Miller ✓	Stony Fork		J C Brown,	Boone,					2	48	73	121	3	$400	500			
Timb'r'd Ridge	J F Eller ✓	Vilas		Wade L Greene,	Peoria,	5			5		18	35	53	1					
Union	L A Wilson, ✓	Zionville,	"	A J Greene,	Mabel,	"	5		2	1	6	56	90	146	1	$400	500		
Zionville	J H Farthing ✓	Sweet Water		G C Greer,	Zionville,			1	1	11	3	67	102	169	1	$700	500		
Zion Hill	C S Farthing ✓	Sugar Grove		M P Edmisten,	Trivett,				3	4		25	31	56	2	$250	250		
Blowing Rock,	No Report this year.			J H Winkler,	Blowing Rock,							15	29	44		1250	300		
Sampson,	Did not report this year.			S E Harrison,	Penly,							38	37	75					

FINANCIAL TABLE	Minute Fund.	Pastor's Salary.	Building & Repairs	Incidentals.	Poor.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Old Ministers' Relief	Other Objects.
Antioch	1.50	40.80	00.00	9.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.53	1.81	0.00	00.00
Bethel	1.50	60.55	.40	7.60		5.86	7.25	10.00	10.00	2.00	32.00
Beaver Dam	1.00	81.06		2.00			5.50	72.30	7.61	3.40	28.50
Bethany	.25	19.65						4.00	2.00		
Beech Mtn.	1.25	60.00		50.00							
Boone	1.25	100.00				52.34	2.66	7.19	41.44		
Brushy Fork	1.25	68.55			.65			2.70	5.00		1.77
Cove Creek	1.00	75.00			21.00			22.18	7.65		
Cool Springs	1.25	20.00	50.00					1.25	1.50		
Clarks Creek	.27	12.00						1.00	2.00		
Elk Knob	.15	21.80							1.59		
Elk Valley	.75	24.25	36.00	6.00	4.00						
Fall Creek	.50	30.32		6.35	12.00				7.00		
Forest Grove	1.15	55.00						13.59	5.65	2.10	12.00
Flat Springs	.60	26.75				.50		1.00	2.00	.50	
Gap Creek,	1.00	22.21		7.50	8.85	1.05			1.05		
Howards Creek	.75	33.60			2.50			1.24	.70		
Laurel Springs	1.55	63.52	100.00			9.40		6.00	7.62		
Meat Camp	1.10	66.56				2.00		2.70	2.42		
Mt. Calvary	1.15	74.05	4.82		5.00			9.65	9.62		18.06
Mt. Gilead	.50	22.00	89.80	5.00				3,00	4.00		
Mt. Lebanon,	.50				1.86				2.02		

Middle Fork	1.25	38.30				1.30	1.30	2.00	5.50		
Pleasant Grove	.56	50.34			1.50			2.58	3.10		20.60
Pleasant Valley	1.00	61.50		9.42				4.07	15.30		
Rich Mountain	.50	40.12			8.65	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.45	1.00	
South Fork	.87	41.48						1.75	2.50		
Shulls Mills	.80	20.00					1.10		2.00		4.50
Three Forks	1.35	75.00	1.60	8.00	8.30	3.00	2.25	3.38	5.00		.70
Timb'r'd Ridge	.75	51.44				1.30		8.68	7.22	2.08	18.10
Union	.60	52.75	14.28	13.24		.58		1.40	3.24		2.38
Zionville	.70	51.95		11.00				4.41	5.00		20.00
Zion Hill	.50	14.15							1.00		

Sunday School Table.

CHURCH.	SUPT. & P. O.		Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Total.	Quarterlies & Papers taken.	Mos kept open	Average Attendance.	No. Baptisms From S. S.	Contributions to Orphanage.	Sunday-S. Expenses.	Volumes in Library.
Antioch	W H Glenn, St. Jude,	N. C.	4	00	00	00	6	00	00	0.00	00.00	000
Bethel	J K Perry, Sugar Grove		6	66	72	43	12	40	14		6.63	
Beaver Dam	C B Reese, Reese,	"	9	95	104	75	12	75			15.00	50
Bethany	L M Farthing, Hackett		6	42	48	60	6	28		1.90	3.25	
Beech Mtn.	W H Austin, Dark Ridge		6	60	66	20	8	45				
Boone	D D Dougherty, Boone		6			1000	12	40			11.44	
Brushy Fork	Alex Brown, Vilas		6	60	66		12	60				
Cove Creek	John McBride, Amantha		9	70	79	100	12	52			9.12	
Cool Springs	P M Cowon, Blowing Rock		4	40	44	50	6	30			2.25	
Clarks Creek	G W Byrd, Goo Goo,		4	44	44	68	6	25				
Elk Knob	J M Vannoy, Solitude		2	54	59	65	3	30			2.73	
Elk Valley	J C Blair, Hale		6	50	56	86	12	45	6	3.15	2.37	
Fall Creek	T B Gryder, Dark Ridge		6	37	43	24	6	31			.64	
Forest Grove	Joseph Culver, Vilas		8	112	120	67	12	75			5.20	
Flat Springs	Ervin Greene, Whaley		6	40	46	100	9	40			3.00	
Gap Creek,	G W Smith, Hopkins,		8	144	152	817	6	78			3.15	
Howards Creek	Thomas Farthing, Sands		5	30	35		6	23	3		1.55	
Laurel Springs	H L Greene, Hopkins		6	118	124	50	6	70			3.50	
Meat Camp	T J Tugman, Sands		6	54	60	110	6	35				
Mt. Calvary	E F Chapel, Balm		6	50	56	50	12	40	14	1.48	5.00	
Mt. Gillead	G W Phillips, Kellerville		6	53	59	80	6	40			6.25	
Mt. Lebanon	H M Bumgarner, Vilas		5	41	46	175	12	25		22	2.05	

Middle Fork	Wm Pennel, Boone		7	64	71		12	36			5.28	
Pleasant Grove	J R Isaacs, Mast		10	86	96	356	12	96	29	8.32		24
Pleasant Valley	James Hodges Elk Park		6	70	76	160	12	40	5		5.20	
Rich Mountain	H C Beach, Zionville		6	75	81	31	12	52	1		3.00	
South Fork	W N Howell, Brookside		7	52	59	6	6	40			2.07	
Shulls Mills	Zeb Brown, Shulls Mills		6	35	41	36	6	28		1.30	1.69	
Three Forks	L N Perkins, Boone		6	40	46		6	28		1.30	1.69	
Timb'r'd Ridge	J N Gryder, Peoria		7	76	83	71	12	41	3	6.48	11.87	
Union	A J Greene, Mabel		7	104	111	75	12	46	2	1.32	6.33	
Zionville	Geo Roten, Trade,	Tenn.	6	64	70	66	12	50			5.60	60

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MINUTES

— OF THE —

Seventy-first Anniversary

——OF THE——

THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

MOUNT CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

AVERY COUNTY, N. C.

August 29—31.

1911.

Next Session to be held with South Fork Church, beginning on Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August 1912.

J. J. L. Sherwood to preach the Annual Sermon;
L. C. Wilson, alternate.

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MINUTES

—OF THE—

THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

MOUNT CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH,

Avery Co., N. C., Aug. 29, 1911.

The Three Forks Baptist Association met this day in the 71st annual session in the house of worship of the Mt. Calvary Church.

Louis Shoemaker led the congregation in singing a number of appropriate selections.

Geo. W. Trivett who was appointed by last association to preach the annual sermon, read from the 139th Psalm. After the reading prayer was offered by John Crisp leading. "Rock of Ages" was sung, after which Bro. Trivett announced as his text 1st John 5th c. 11 v.—"And this is the record that God hath given unto us eternal life, and this life is in his Son"— presenting his discourse in three divisions: 1st Life is a gift. 2d It is eternal. 3d It is in His Son.

At the close of the sermon, prayer by J. J. L. Sherwood.

The Mod. announced that after the singing of the second Doxology, and benediction by John Crisp, that the association would stand adjourned for one hour.

AFTER NOON, FIRST DAY.

Prayer by John Norris.

Letters from the churches were presented. J. Norris moved that the letters be referred to the com. on Digest of Letters without reading. A motion prevailed that the present officers, W. S. Farthing Mod. and Smith Hagaman Clerk, be elected by acclamation.

The Com. on Order of Business submits the following

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

FIRST DAY.

1 Organization at 1 P. M.
2 Invite Correspondents and Visitors from sister Associations.
3 Extend an opportunity to newly constituted churches to unite with this association.
4 Appoint all necessary Cemmittees for this session.
5 Report of Committee on Temperance.
6 Report of Committee on Books and Periodicals.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

1 Convene at 8: 30 A. M.
2 Song and Prayers.
3 Reading Minutes and Roll Call.
4 Report of Committee on Baptist Orphanage.
5 Reading Reports on Missions: State; Home; Foreign.
6 A season of Prayer and Talks for 30 minutes conducted by J. H. Farthing.
7 Discussion of Missions.

NOTE—Owing to delay caused by the Clerk waiting to receive bids from other printing houses, I did not receive the minute manuscript till in Oct, hence this delay. —McGuire.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

1 Report of Committee on Digest of Letters.
2 Report of Committee on State of the Churches.
3 Report of Committee on Pastoral Support.
4 Report of Committee on Old Ministers' Relief.

THURSDAY MORNING.

1 Convene at 8: 30 A. M.
2 Song and Prayer.
3 Reading Minutes.
4 Report of Com. to examine Matter collected by the Historian.
5 Report of the Committee on Education.
6 A Season of Prayer and Talks of 30 Minutes con. by J. M. Payne.
7 Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.
8 Report of Colporteur and appointment of his Successor.

THURSDAY EVENING.

1 Report of Committee on Finance.
2 Report of Treasurer and appoint his Successor.
3 Report of Corresponding Messengers.
4 Report of Committee on Correspondents.
5 " " Resolutions.
6 " " Time, Place, and Preacher.
7 Appoint Committees for next Association.
8 Appoint some one to Superintend the Printing and Distribution of Minutes. 9 Miscellaneous Business.

Respectfully submitted. Smith Hagaman, W. H. Eller, } Com.

Willowdale, a newly constituted church, by her messengers presents a petitionary letter and is received into the association.

A letter from Elk Park church was presented asking for membership, but owing to the fact that it had not obtained a letter of dismission from Mitchell County Association, a motion prevailed that the said church be asked to first obtain a letter of dismission and present it at next session; and that the messengers be invited to seats as visitors. Thos. Day from Stony Fork asso. was seated as a visitor.

The following Com. for this session were announced by the Mod.:
Finance, I. G. Greer, Chas. Mast.
Preaching, Pastor and Messengers of Mt. Calvary church.
Correspondents, Isaac McGinnis, E. R. Eggers.
Time, Place, and Preacher, A. J. Shull, Lee Swift.

The Clerk read for the Committee. the

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The question of Temperance has long agitated the minds of our people. In fact the liquor traffic is the toughest problem of the age. There is no cause, it matters not how unworthy, but what can find supporters. Especially is this true of the liquor business.

By what authoaity do we fight the battles of temperance? Is it a fancy of the brain, or is it a delusion of the imagination, or is it a morbid desire to destroy property? Most assuredly it is none of these. Our authority is the Bible.

1 The Book teaches that drunkenness is a mockery. 2 Its consequences are poverty, strife, filthiness, destruction, and void of refined feelings. 3 It is forbidden to Kings, Princes. and Christians. 4 Its woes are averice, revelry, defiance, perversion, pride, dishonesty. To all soldiers who desire to fight our greatest foe—the liquor traffic—arm yourselves with the Word.

In the next place we desire to say that we have gained some ground within the last year. We have much to encourage us. The temperance legislation of our last General Assembly ought to be commended. Our forces have been reversed in a few instances, but while such is

true; we have made progress.

Finally we would speak of our unfinished work. We recommend to the constituency of this association the following: 1 That by the means of public meetings, the press, and the pulpit a vigorous and righteous public sentiment be maintained for temperance. 2 That our people write and petition Congress to pass a national anti-jug Law. 3 That we as citizens demaud and assist the proper authorities to enforce the Prohibition Laws of North Carolina.

Respectfully,

A J Greene
Alex. Greene } Com.
Wm, Elrod.

Wm. Elrod, Geo. Roten express much sorrow that every Baptist does not fully see the necessity of total abstanance. J. J. L. Sherwood spoke of the tremendous damage and curse of the drink evil. Spoke especially of the enforcement of the law.

C. S. Farthing read the report on

BOOKS and PERIODICALS.

The reading of good literature is one of the greatest advantages of our age and its importance can scarcely be urged too strongly. The only means by which we can counteract the invasion of trashy reading matter is to place good reading matter within reach of those who read. We would recommend and urge above all else the reading of God's Word. The Biblical Recorder, which for more than seventy-five years has been vitally connected with our denominational work and every good undertaking in this State; is the organ of the Baptist State Convention which elects the editor, and controls its policy. This should be in every home so that we may keep in close touch with each other. We would recommend the Foreign Mission Journal, the Home Field, and Charity and Children.

Respectfully,

C. S. Farthing, Com.

The report on Peridicals is adopted.

The Com. on Preaching report J M Payne to preach at 11 a. m., and J H Farthing at 1 p. m. tomorrow.

On motion John McBride is added to the Committee on Education Prayer by J M Payne. Lewis Seoemaker read the report of the Com. on Hospitality. J W Blair is excused from his further presence on account af a protracted meeting at Willowdale church.

"'Tis religion that can give" &c was sung at closing.

Benedictien by Monroe Gragg.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

J R Isaacs led in singing. Prayer by O L Hawkins.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved. Roll of Messengers called.

O. L. Hawkins announced himself a visitor from Brushy Mountain association. The Clerk read for the Committee the

REPORT on BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The Orphanage at Thomasville is doing a great work and well deserves the hearty support of every loyal Baptist in the State. The first child was received there in 1885. The Orphanage now has 390 children in its charge in ten families preparing them for usefulness in this life and for the life to come. Since the Orphanage was opened it has sheltered 1,192 children, and is now full to its capacity and has 100 worthy applicants it cannot take for want of room.

The expense bill averages about one hundred dollars a day and out of 1,700 churches only about 500 contribute regularly to its support.

Your Committee wishes to submit the humble opinion that no more worthy object that claims our attention. Think of one hundred helpless orphans knocking at our door for admittance and can't be admitted for want of room!

We suggest that all the churches of this association be requested to take at least one collection a month the coming year for the Orphanage.

Geo. W. Trivett, W. J. Farthing, E. M. Greer, Com.

G W Trivett spoke to the report. G P Sherrill read from Job 31 relative to the care of the orphan and widow. Said that the Three Forks association with its vast wealth, is doing far too little for the Orphanage. Geo. Roten spoke to the report. John Norris said the man who charges extravagance is usually the man who does nothing.

Chas. Mast spoke of the necessity of the people taking Charity & Children, the Orphanage paper.

J. F. Eller seoke referring to the scripture read by G. P. Sherrill,

and further said all our Sunday-schools ought to take a collection every Sunday for the Orphanage. J. H. Farthing and J. M. Payne said we ought to help enlarge the Orphanage plant so that more children can be taken. J. H. Farthing spoke also of the spiritual work of the Orphanage. L. C. Wilson continued remarks.

The following is indicated for the Orphanage for the coming year:

Bethel $10.	Forest Grove $10.	Rich Mountain $3.
Beaver Dam $10.	Flat Springs $2.	South Fork 2 col.
Beech Mountain 2 col	Howard's Creek $3.	Shull's Mills 2 col.
Boone $15.	Laurel Springs $5.	Three Forks 2 col.
Brushy Fork $10.	Meat Camp $5.	Timbered Ridge $5
Cove Creek $10.	Mt. Gillead $5.	Union 2 col.
Cool Springs $2.50.	Middle Fork $5.	Zionville $5.
Clark's Creek $3.	Pleasant Grove 2 col.	Blowing Rock $5.
Elk Valley $2.50.	Pleasant Valley 1 col.	Mt. Calvary $5.
Fall Creek $2.		

Geo. Roten urges the Messengers that the churches try to double the amounts indicated.

O. L. Hawkins was added to the Committee on Education.

G. C. Greer was added to the Committee on Finance.

J. F. Eller read the Report on State Missions.

The Clerk read for the Com. the Report on Home Missions.

Will H. McGuire read the Report on Foreign Missions.

The time having arrived for devotional exercises, the association sang "What wondrous love." J. H. Farthing, after a very impressive talk on the great necessity of a high state of spiritual condition, read and commented on the 91st Psalm. Prayer by G. P. Sherrill. "Amazing Grace" was sung. A number of the brethren made short talks and quoted promises of the Bible.

After the devotional exercises, J. F. Eller proceeded to discuss the report on State Missions. C. J. Cottrell said we are neglecting this work too badly. J. H. Farthing spoke of Missions in general, and of Home Missions in particular. J M Payne, John Norris, and L C Wilson spoke on the Mission work in general.

The following is indicated for Missions the coming year:

Antioch $7.	Elk Valley 1 collection.	Pleasant Grove 3 col.
Bethel $30.	Fall Creek $2.	Pleasant Valley 1 col.
Beaver Dam $30.	Forest Grove $25.	Rich Mountain $5.
Bethany 1 col.	Flat Springs $1.	South Fork 2 col.
Beech Mtn. 1 col	Howards Creek $3.	Shulls Mills 1 col.
Boone $20.	Laurel Springs $5.	Timbered Ridge $5.
Brushy Fork 3 col	Meat Camp 2 col.	Union 3 col.
Cove Creek $25.	Mt Calvary $5.	Zionville $5.
Cool Springs $3.	Mt Gillead 2 col.	Blowing Rock 3 col.
Clarks Creek $2.	Middle Fork $5.	

"Religion is the chief concern" &c. was sung.

Benediction by D. A. Greene. Adjourned for one hour.

STATE MISSIONS.

For convenience only, the great Mission work of the world has been divided into three departments: State, Home, and Foreign; not that anyone is of more importance than another.

The Mission work is nothing more nor less than an effort to carry

out the plain command of Jesus Christ to "preach the gospel to every creature" whether in the State, in the Nation, or in Foreign Countries. God makes no distinction as to the worth of a soul. Wherever a soul is found, or can be found, without the gospel, we are duty-bound to go with the message. State Missions is of the most tremendous importance, aside from its importance in common with the other departments of the Mission work, in that it enlages the base of supplies for all the other work.

The Baptists of the State, through the State Mission Board, in their effort to preach the gospel in the destitute sections of our State have had, during the last year, on these fields 148 Missionaries who have supplied 275 churches and 106 out stations, and have baptized 2,227 persons to which the churches have contributed $41,428.46. All of our churches ought to take a liberal part in this work.

Respectfully submitted, J. F. Eller, C. J. Cottrell, } Com.

HOME MISSIONS.

The importance of Home Missions is increasing every day, and as Baptists we should awake to the stupendous task that awaits us.

Our obligations are greater than all others because we hold the truth as no other people hold it. Therefore our accountability to God is greater. Our work is increasing faster than our gifts.

Out of 92 million population of the U. S. there are only 41 million native white born of American parents, and 24,500,000 are born of foreign parents; Therefore 41 million are of foreign parentage!

The ten million Negroes tip the beam of numerical strength in America by more than 10 per cent. against the native whites.

The foreigners came to our shores last year to the number of 1,041 000. America then is the world's greatest mission field because of what it is, and what it is to be. If we do not christianize these people they will in turn Romanize and heathenize us. Not only do they exert such an influence upon us but about 33⅓ per cent. return to their native lands. If we could reach these through Home Missions what a power we could exert through them on their home people. To establish Christ in the hearts and homes of the foreigners is our religious duty and national hope. Not only have we the home-land, but we have Cuba and the Canal Zone both under the religious influence of the Roman Catholics. All these are looking to us for the Bread of Life. Brethren: considering the supreme importance of Home Missions and our ssrategical position as Southern Baptists, we should undertake greater things for God and expect greater things from God through Home Missions.

The Board of Home Missions spent last year more than $333,000, yet it could not supply more than 1 man for more than 100 needed.

Signed by W. Y. Perry, J. H. Farthing. } Com.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The salvation of the world of humanity hinges on the preaching of the gospel, and the responsibility of that work is upon the church of Jesus Christ, for His last injunction to His disciples was: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

While we cannot go in person and deliver the Message, we can up hold, by our prayers and means, the called of God who go to preach

to those who know not Christ.

We would urge our Baptist people to be more consecrated to this work, using every effort to spread the Truth amongst the lost in heathenism, for their salvation and the glory of God. Let us be wide awake to our responsibility, as well as to our opportunity.

Respectfully, Will H. McGuire, E. J. Norris, J. M. Payne, } Com.

AFTER NOON — SECOND DAY.

Prayer by Geo. Roten. The association sang "Savior more than life to me." D. C. Mast read the report on

PASTORAL SUPPORT,

"That the laborer is worthy af his hire" is abundantly taught in the Bible there is no doubt on the part of Baptists. Luke 10:7, Mat. 10:10, and 1st Tim. 5:18, &c. That the Baptists of the Three Forks association are not living up to this faith in the matter of pastoral support is evidenced by the reports of the various churches; said reports showing, in 1905, an average for 31 churches that reported that year, of $36.58. In 1907 38.30. In 1908 44.63. In 1910, 33 churches show an average of $44.67. The average salary for above 4 years being $41.05. The average membership is 97. The average amount paid for these four years per member 43 cts. per year. That these figures are hardly a creditable showing goes without saying.

We your committee therefore make these observations:

1 That the Lord God is not calling our young men to the ministry only 3 or 4 having been called in the last decade.

2 That these few, for lack of sufficient support here, have been compelled to seek other fields.

3 That the present ministers are rapidly declining in years, and, unless conditions change, there will be a pastoral famine before many years.

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. Mast, J. H. Mast, J. J. T. Reese, Com.

Chas. Mast spoke of the few who are now entering the ministry in this association.

G. P. Sherrill said all members of the church ought to lay something by all along in order that they may always be ready to help.

L. W. Farthing spoke of ways and means of raising pastors salary.

John McBride said he was fearful that we had not appreciated our Pastors and that we may suffer for the same.

J. W. Farthing said that this is certainly a matter of the first importance, and that we would certainly prefer to see our own men called to preach rather than that pastors should have to be obtained from some other section. C. J. Cottrell said our Pastors are certainly the most poorly paid of any class of workers.

John Norris said go to the Bible for plain information as to duty to pastors. J. F. Eller said that we must get to a point of appreciation where we can pay for laborers.

J. C. Chapel said the churches must adopt a system of paying the pastors, otherwise the churches will fall short.

Geo. Roten continued the discussion.

Millard Hagaman read the report on

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

We find from the letters of 32 churches that during last year we had 260 Baptisms. Rec'd by letter 89, Restored 29. Lost by letter 126, Excluded 32, Deaths 27. Membership: Males 1,435, Females 1,841, Total 3,276.

Contributions to various objects as follows; Pastors' salary $1508.06, Building & Repairs $475.53, Incidentals $70.19, Sunday-school Expenses $227.62, Poor $59.64, State Missions $46.11, Home Missions $22.20, Foreign Missions 196.97, Orphanage $181.68, Old Ministers. Relief $17.11, Other Objects $224.76, Value of Church Property $18,555, Minutes and Clerk $27.87.

Letters from 4 churches not included in above report.

South Fork asks for next association.

Respectfully submitted, C. J. Cottrell, Millard Hagaman } Com

J. F. Elier presents the Report on the

STATE of the CHURCHES.

Your Committee is exceedingly glad to report, that after making a careful survey of the churches of our association as we possibly can, that a very large per cent. have been blessed with good revivals within the past year. A large addition to their membership is reported to this session of the association.

While we are most grateful for these gracious showers of grace, we feel confident that there are at least four things in which almost all of our churches are seriously wanting:

1st Notwithstanding gracious revivals, in this day of commercialism when the world is in a run, it is very difficult to maintain that high standard of *Spirituality* which is so necessary to the growth & development of the church, and which is the base of all church life and work. Every pastor and every member ought to keep this one thing above all else prominently before him. If this one thing be lacking all else will fail. Religion must be intensely religious.

2nd We are of the opininion that *Discipline* is growing rather lax in many of our churches. There must be a distinction between the church and the the world, else the church cannot have power over the world. Our churches are evidently failing to do what they ought to do, and what they are easily able to do in a financial way. This we attribute to two causes. The first cause we give as the 3d thing in wiich our churches are lacking:

INFORMATION.

It is next to an impossibility to interest the membership of any church in the different departments and objects to which the church contributes, unless the individual is informed and this information must come very largely through reading. We feel that the work is suffering greatly from the lack of reading.

The second cause we assign as the 4th great lack:

SYSTEMATIC CONTRIBUTING.

We have tried many plans, schemes, and devices, but they are all more or less defective. Why not take the great Apostle's advice, just plain and simple, and be done with it? "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by in store as God hath prospered him."—1st Cor. 16 :2. Respectfully submitted.

J. F. Eller, John Norris, J. M. Payne, Com.

C. S. Farthing is added to the Com. on Old Ministers' Relief.

The Historian not being present, the consideration of matter collected by him is continued until next session with the same com.

L. M Farthing read the Report on

EDUCATION.

We, your committee, beg to submit the following report:

1st That it is our firm conviction that the training and developing of the intellectual powers was purposed by the Creator himself to be a means of grace in the hands of his children for carrying Christ to the heart of the young and tender, and of subsequently fitting them for the most efficient work in the fields of Christian endeavor.

2d That the only type of education that is likely to be of lasting—eternal value— is that directed by pure, Christian influence.

3d That mere education dissevered from religion is not the kind designed by God when He gave man faculties susceptible of development.

4th That Baptists of this association should not be one whit behind other denominations in taking an active, definite stand in providing means for higher education of her young men and women, and that they should deem it an imperitive duty to see that Baptist influences should as far as possible direct the education of her own people.

Your committee is informed that there is now an effort being made to establish a school under Baptist auspices at Mast, N. C., and we are further informed that the department of Mountain Schools of the Home Mission Bd. of the southern Baptist Convention is considering the fostering of said work, and that such a school will be opened about the first of Sept.

We your com. would recommend that this association endorse said work and give it our patronage; and we would further recommend that this association appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to confer with N. L. Mast and such others as are concerned and co-operate in such a way as may be necessary to establish a Baptist Institution of learning in our midst, and report at our next session.

Respectfully, John McBride, L. M. Farthing, } Com

L. C. Wilson said we now have an opportunity at Mast that we as Baptists cannot afford to let pass.

A motion prevailed that the Chair appoint a Com. of five as indicated in the above report. The following were appointed:

J. J. L. Sherwood, W. J. Farthing, Chas. Mast, Smith Hagaman, and G. C. Greer.

C. S. Farthing moved that the above com. constitute, and be empowered as a Board of Trustees for the association to take a deed to said school property if they find it wise to do so.

A motion prevailed to adjourn. "Jesus lover of my soul" was sung

The Com. on preaching report J. J. L. Sherwood to preach at 11 a. m. tomorrow. Prayer by L. C. Wilson at closing. Second Doxology was sung. Benediction by L. W. Farthing.

THURSDAY MORNING, AUG. 31.

J. R. Isaacs led in singing. Prayer by E. J. Norris.

"What wondrous love is this" was sung.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

C. S. Farthing read the Report on

OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF.

While we hear expressions of alarm from our Brethren at the fact that there are so few young men entering the ministry, God has been so gracious to us as to continue number in our State until they need aid in their old age. The Baptist State Convention some years ago organized a Board to collect funds for this purpose.

We believe it to be the duty of every church in this association to do something to help this Board in the support of these men who have spent their lives in the service of our Master.

Respectfully, D F Horton, I J McGinnis, C S Farthing, Com.

I. J. McGinnis spoke to the report.

C. S. Farthing calls attention to the fact that we have a beneficiary of the Board with us, John Crisp, and that we as an association ought to pay at least the amount that he is receiving from the Board $25.00. John Norris spoke.

Geo. Roten moved that just before the noon recess a collection be taken for Old Ministers' Relief.

J. J. L. Sherwood said we must do the work for Christ's sake.

The time having arrived for devotional services, the exercises were conducted by C. S. Farthing who led in prayer.

After singing "Savior more than life to me" D. A. Greene spoke of the pleasures of this hour and its spiritual uplift.

John Norris spoke of the benefits of application.

Prayer by Geo. McGinnis. After further singing the service closed.

D. J. Farthing announced himself a visitor from Watauga Asso.

L. C. Wilson read the report on

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school is no longer a question as to what it is. It is needless to argue before this body the importance of Sunday-schools or the duty of promoting their development, or increasing their efficiency in every leeitimate way. Dr. Basil said, while contending for the establishment of the S. S. B'd. that "Sunday School is a great missionary to the future," While other benevolent agencies relate primarially to the present, this goes to meet and bless the generations that is coming. To win them from ignorance and sin, to train future laborers when we are gone. The Sunday-schools tend to direct increasing attention to the Bible, to elevate the rising generations and fit them for every good work. With pleasure we note that every church in the association reports a S. S.; an end to which we have been striving.

We are also encouraged to hope that soon every church will report an evergreen school. About half the churches have thus reported.

We have an enrollment in the Sunday-schools of about 1994, and 2730 in the association in church membership which leaves 736 of church members somewhere doing something besides fostering the S.S. cause. Admitting that the entire enrollment were church members it presents a state of affairs that should not appear. And when we consider that possibly not more than 50 percent of the S.S.enrollment are professors it presents an alarming feature and weakness of the S. S. work. Now if the S S is what is claimed for it, and if indeed it be the church at work is there not something wrong? Notwithstanding this deficiency in the work of enlargement and develop ment we are pleased to note that there have been during the last year 87 baptisms from the S. S. We feel that too much could not be said in behalf of enlisting the entire membership of our church in this department our church work.

And that one of the greatest needs of the S S work is the qualification and preparation of the supt. The matter of trained teachers

Statistical Table.

CHURCH	PASTORS & P. O.	CLERKS & P. O.	Baptism ✓ Letter.	Restored	By Letter	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females	Total. ✓	Time of Preaching	Value of Ch. Property	Seating Capacity.
Antioch	G. W. Trivett Sugar Grove	N. C. W. J. Farthing St Jude N.C.	7	4	0	04	5	0	68	75	143	1	1000	400
Bethel	J. H. Farthing Sweet Water	" W. S. Farthing Sweetwater "	7			9	1	2	48	74	122	4	$500	350
Beaver Dam	L. A. Wilson, Zionville	" C. B. Reese Reese	9				1	4	58	76	134	2	400	275
Bethany	J. F. Eller Vilas	J. L. Triplet, Matney	9	1		1		2	19	24	43	2	300	200
Beech Mtn.	W. M. Cannon Elk Park	G W McGuire Dark Ridge	11	6	3	6			81	108	189	1	800	500
Boone	J. H. Farthing Sweet Water	W L Bryan Boone	13	1				1	35	31	66	2	500	250
Blowing Rock	J. M. Payne Blowing Rock	J H Winkler Blowing Rock	26	9	1	1	1		28	46	74	⅓	1250	300
Brushy Fork	J. M. Payne "	J H Presnel Vilas	2	5	5	27	2	3	69	87	156	2	1000	500
Cove Creek	J. H. Farthing Sweet Water	D C Mast Sugar Grove	18		1	21			43	63	106	3	1000	400
Cool Springs	G. W. Trivett Sugar Grove	Q B Cannon Blowing Rock		2				1	37	45	82	2		300
Clarks Creek	John Norris Sugar Grove	Joel Eggers Banner Elk	6		1			1	11	26	37	1	300	250
Elk Knob		J M South Tamarack							31	41	72		275	240
Elk Valley	G. W. Trivett Sugar Grove	H L Laurance Hale	18	6	2		5		56	33	89	4	700	400
Fall Creek		W B Norris Hale	5	1					21	18	39	2	300	
Forest Grove	J. F. Eller Vilas	Millard Hagaman Vilas	16	2	7	3	1	1	69	91	160	3	800	400
Flat Springs	D. A. Greene Whaley	A I Greene Whaley	9	2		3	1	1	35	31	66	4	400	300
Gap Creek	Asa Brown McGuire	G W Smith Hopkins				1	2		34	53	87	1	555	350
Howards Creek	E. M. Gragg Vilas	E J Norris Sands		1		17	2	2	17	41	58	3	500	300
Laurel Springs	J. M. Payne Blowing Rock	J M Younce Yuma	6	1		2			70	118	188	4	800	450
Meat Camp	L. A. Wilson Zionville	L A Greene Sands		9		3	5	2	96	45	141	3		400
Mt Calvary	J. F. Eller Vilas	E F Chapel Balm		2	1	4	1	1	37	63	100	2	800	350
Mt Gillead	D. B. Brown Butler	Tenn C L Younce Beech Creek	10		4	11	2		46	35	81	3	450	300
Mt Lebanon	S. L. Fox Vilas	N. C. H M Bumgarner Vilas	21	6	1	3	3	2	33	58	91	1	800	400

Middle Fork	J. M. Payne	Blowing Rock	"	A J Shull	Blowing Rock	15	1		1		33	42	75	3	600	250
Pleasant Grove	L. A. Wilson	Zionville		J R Isaacs	Mabel	6	1	2	6	1	55	90	145	4	600	300
Pleasant Valley	Wm. Cannon	Elk Park		Jas V Hagie	Elk Park	8		3	4	1	1	78	96	179	3	200	200
Rich Mountain	L. C. Wilson	Sugar Grove		R L Walls	Zionville	7	7				34	44	78	1	600	300
South Fork	C. S. Farthing	Sweet Water		Will H McGuire	Brookside	3	6	1	1	1	2	25	81	136	1	1000	400
Shulls Mills	C. S. Farthing	Sugar Grove		J M Day	Shulls Mills		1		1	1		15	20	35	3	500	400
Sampson	N.S. Hampton	Bamboo		E S Harrison	Penley	5	4		2	1		33	41	74	1		
Three Forks	I. C. Miller	Stony Fork		J C Brown	Boone		6	1	5	2	3	47	72	119	3	500	500
Timb'r'd Ridge	J. F. Eller	Vilas		Wade L Greene	Peoria	13	4		2			25	43	68	1		
Union	L. A. Wilson	Zionville		A J Greene	Mabel	3	4		4		1	58	90	148	1	500	400
Willowdale	S. L. Fox	Vilas		B S Dugger	Vilas	8	8				1	21	24	45	4	200	250
Zionville	J. H. Farthing	Sweet Water		G C Greer	Zionville	10	3	1	16			69	98	167	1		
Zion Hill	David Greene	Whaley		E F Tester	Watauga Falls	17	1	2				36	41	77	2	800	

is a subject of no little inportance. For no S. S. can be developrd and enlarged without efficient superintendents and teachers.

We would recommend the use of the "Sunday School Teacher" of the Southern Bap. Con., and the "Training Course" offered by the S.S. Bd. or the Southern Baptist Convention.

We would recommend that such statistics be submitted to the association as will show what percent. of the S.S. enrollment are members of the church. We would further recommend that such a spirit of liberality be encouraged in the S. S. and that such informrtion be given on the different departments of our work especially the Orphanage and Sunday-school Missions that the Sunday School may be what it stands for. Respectfully Sub.

L. C. Wilson.

Bro. Wilson spoke to the report in general. Geo. Roten spoke of the necessity of of trained teachers in the Sunday-schools.

D. J. Farthing spoke along same lines.

C. S. Farthing reports that the Com. appointed to employ a Colporteur has made no appointment.

L. C. Wilson moved to appoint C. S. Farthing Colporteur this year

A motion prevailed that the asso. adjourn to one o'clock to hear a sermon by J. J. L. Sherwood. "Amazing Grace" was sung.

After having led in prayer, Bro. Sherwood read from 2d Tim. 3rd C. seven verses of same. Text: John 12 :32. "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

At the close of the sermon prayer by John Crisp. All hail the power of Jesus' name was sung by request, the congregation standing. A collection for Old Ministers' Relief was taken amounting to $6.26. Benediction by L. C. Wilson.

EVENING SESSION,—Last Day.

The Clerk read for the Committee the

REPORT on FINANCE.

We your Committee on Finance submit the following:
Received for

Minutes and Clerk - - -	$29.74.
Orphanage - - - -	59.68.
Foreigh Missions - - -	26.93.
Home " - - -	6.46.
State " - - -	12.18.
Old Ministers' Relief - - -	3.30.
Total,	$138.29.

D. C. Mast, G. C. Greer, Com.

D. F. Horton presents his

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Balance in Treas. for Orphanage, Thomasville Sep. 1, '10,	$ 1.95
Received for Orphanage	122.77
" State Board	52.65
" Gospel Missions, T. L. Blalock,	165.25
Balance in Treasury for " Sept 1, 1910,	2.15
Incidentals in Treasury "	1.45
Received from Minute fund	27.98
" " Colporteur	55.89

[Tres. report con.] DISBURSEMENTS.

To Baptist Orphanage Thomasville	119.92	
To Walters Durham:		
Foreign Missions	29.29	
State Missions	13.50	
Home Missions	5.85	
Old Ministers' Relief Fund	4.01	
Gospel Missions, T. L. Blalock,	158.36	
Will H. McGuire Printing Minutes	20.48	
Smith Hagaman Clerk of Association	7.50	
Treasurer for Postage	1.28	
Balance in Treasury	69.90	
Total,	$430.09	$430.09

Respectfully submitted,

D. F. Horton,
Treas. Three Forks Asso.

L. W. Farthing moved that D. F. Horton be continued as Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Correspondents to visit sister associations report as having visited as follows: L. C. Wilson visited Holston asso; J. F. Eller, C. S. Farthing, and Wm. Elrod, visited the Stony Fork; John Norris the Mitchell County; and Lewis W. Farthing the Watauga.

E. R. Eggers read the report of Committee on

CORRESPONDENTS.

To Stony Fork Asso: Whitfield Farthing, C. S. Farthing.
" Ashe: J. F. Eller, G. W. Trivett, John Norris.
" Caldwell County: A. J. Shull, Wm. Elrod.
" Watauga: W. S. Farthing, J. H. Farthing, L. C. Wilson.
" Mitchell County: D. A. Greene, Wm. Cannon.
" Southern Bap. Con.: W. S. Farthing. A. J. Greene.
" Bap. State Con: Smith Hagaman, J. C. Horton. L. C. Wilson.
I. J. McGinnis, E. R. Eggers, Com.

The following Resolution is adopted:

RESOLUTION.

Resolved: That this associaton extend its most sincere thanks to this church and community at large for the most excellent way in which they have entertained this association.

A. J. Shull read the Report of Com. on

TIME, PLACE, and PREACHER.

The next session of our association will meet with South Fork church Tuesday after 4th Sunday in August 1912; J. J. L. Sherwood to preach the Annual Sermon, L. C. Wilson alternate.

The Mod. announced Committees for next session, which appears in another place in the minutes.

A motion prevailed that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, and that he be allowed $7.50 for his services. J. H. Farthing moved that the association do now adjourn.

John Crisp conducted the closing exercises, reading the 116th Ps. How firm a foundation was sung, while the parting hand was extended by the messengers and congregation in general.

Benediction By J. J. L. Sherwood.

W. S. Farthing, Mod.

Smith Hagaman, Clerk.

FINANCIAL TABLE.	Minute Fund.	Pastor's Salary.	Building & Repairs	Incidentals.	Poor.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Old Ministers' Relief	Other Objects.
Antioch	1.50	50.00		12.00					5.00		
Bethel	1.50	54.50		2.15		10.00	10.00	10.00	11.00	4.35	36.98
Beaver Dam	.75	80.25	11.00	2.00				80.90	12.80	4.13	14.50
Bethany	.40	27.40				1.00	1.00	1.51	1.50		
Beech Mtn.	1.35	40.70							4.00		26.00
Boone	1.25	100.00		2.64		12.31	1.74	6.81	1.83		5.40
Blowing Rock	1.00	75.00									
Brushy Fork	1.45	61.00		18.00	30.00			5.20	4.73		
Cove Creek	1.00	100.00			9.00	6.50	2.00	27.00	19.75	1.00	1.00
Cool Springs	1.25	25.00	35.00					1.00			
Clarks Creek	.50	17.00			1.14				2.55		4.63
Elk Valley	1.00	45.12	68.00		25.00				2.56		14.00
Fall Creek	.45	23.30		4.25				1.17	3.95		
Forest Grove	1.35	65.00		9.20	4.30	1.00	2.00	11.14	4.44	2.11	43.41
Flat Springs	.50	18.25						1.00	2.00		
Gap Creek	1.00	25.34						2.15	2.15		9.75
Howards Creek	.50										
Laurel Springs	1.71	79.43	16.10	12.00	1.50	1.00		4.55	3.60		
Meat Camp	1.15	40.02	20.00			1.92		1.40	2.72	1.82	
Mt Calvary	.75	53.35						3.64	5.80	3.30	
Mt Gillead	.50	50.00	50.00				1.37	1.00	5.00		13.00
Mt Lebanon	.75	25.85							1.25		

Middle Fork	1.46	41.20						1.95	5.00			
Pleasant Grove	1.05	61.73	49.00	11.00		2.90		3.92	6.16			
Pleasant Valley	1.00	78.86						1.55	6.00		5.50	
Rich Mountain	.70	40.10				3.00		2.00	2.53	1.00		
South Fork	.45	40.00						2.50	3.67			
Shulls Mills	.55	20.00							3.00		5.00	
Sampson	.50	6.85			7.00							
Three Forks	1.10	72.00	8.00			5.26	4.09	9.54	5.05		7.00	
Timb'r'd Ridge	.80	51.60	171.43	.95				5.84	4.94		22.59	
Union	.75	41.61		8.00		.55		1.40	1.61	.40		
Willowdale	.50	28.54	55.00	3.00	13.00							
Zionville	.70	55.00						6.50	7.05		27.00	
Zion Hill	.50	4.50							.35			

Elk Park .70 (Does not belong to this association.)

Roll of Messengers.

Antioch—L W Farthing.
Bethel—Lewis W Farthing W S Farthing.
Beaver Dam—Lee Swift G P Sherrill.
Bethany—L M Farthing L J Mikeal J L Triplet.
Beech Mountain—J M Storie Henry McGuire J R Church.
Boone—Geo P Hagaman J W Farthing A L Cook.
Blowing Rock—J D Brown.
Cove Creek—John McBride D C Mast.
Cool Springs—Letter. No Messengers.
Brushy Fork—Letter. No Messengers.
Clarks Creek—L A Laurence H M Byrd Joel Eggers.
Elk Knob—Not represented.
Elk Valley—A M Johnson H R Fulk John Blair.
Fall Creek—W B Norris.
Forest Grove—Smith Hagaman Millard Hagaman E R Eggers.
Flat Springs—G T Greene Thuel Greene.
Gap Creek—Letter. No messengers.
Howards Creek—E J Norris.
Laurel Springs—Ira Brown.
Meat Camp—H S Jones.
Mt Calvary—T H West R T Shoemaker J C Chapel.
Mt Gillead—W M Phillips G W Younce.
Mt Lebanon—Letter. No messengers.
Middle Fork—Wm Elrod A J Shull.
Pleasant Grove—Smith Reese J R Isaacs.
Pleasant Valley—J L Oaks Jas V Hagie H D Guynn.
Rich Mountain—Letter No messengers.
South Fork—Will H McGuire.
Shulls Mills—J S Reed J M Day J C Shull.
Sampson—Letter No messengers.
Three Forks—C J Cottrell.
Timbered Ridge—W H Eller A J Tester.
Union—J F Olliver.
Willowdale—J W Blair.
Zionville—Geo Roten I G Greer G C Greer.
Zion Hill—E T Presnell E F Tester.

Committees for Session 1912.

Foreign Missions, J. H. Farthing, W. Y. Perry, G. P. Hagaman.
Home Missions, Geo. Roten, G. C. Greer, J. H. Mast.
State Missions, L. C. Wilson, W. H. Eller, Chas. Mast.
Education, John McBride, I. G. Greer, A. J. Greene.
Pastoral Support, J. W. Farthing, Wm. Elrod, J. C. Brown.
Temperance, J. F. Eller, Millard Hagaman, G. P. Sherrill.
Sunday Schools, J. M. Payne, L. M. Trivett, J. W. Blair.
Bap. Orphanage, Will H. McGuire, W. N. Howell, L. A. Greene
Old Min Relief, L. W. Farthing, W. H. Farthing, W. L. Greene
State of Churches, Geo. W. Trivett, E. M. Greer, W. J. Farthing
Books & Periodicals, J. L. Sherwood, D. F. Horton, L. A. Wilson.
Resolutions, John Norris, Whitfield Farthing, E. J. Norris.
Order of Business, D. D. Dougherty, Smith Hagaman.

OFFICERS of the ASSOCIATION.

W. S. Farthing Moderator,	Sweet Water,	N. C.
Smith Hagaman Clerk,	Vilas,	"
J. C. Horton Historian,	Boone,	"
C. S. Farthing Colporteur,	Sugar Grove,	"

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

J. C. Horton, Smith Hagaman, J. H. Mast, L. N. Perkins, W. C. Coffey.

MEMBER S. S. BOARD:

W. S. Farthing, Sweet Water, N. C.

Ordained Ministers:

G W Trivett, Sugar Grove,	N.C.	J W Trivett, Dark Ridge,	N.C.
John Crisp, Lenoir,	"	J H Farthing, Sweet Water	"
I J McGinnis, Vilas.	"	C S Farthing, Sugar Grove,	"
J M Payne, Blowing Rock		J J L Sherwood, Vilas	
W M Cannon, Elk Park,		J F Eller, Vilas,	
W H Mikeal, Sutherland,		D A Greene, Whaley,	
Asa Brown, Riverside,		John Norris, Sweet Water,	
L A Wilson, Zionville,		L C Wilson, Sugar Grove,	
J G Hagaman, Vilas		E M Gragg, Boone,	

Sunday School Table.

CHURCH	SUPT. & P. O.		Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Quarterlies & Papers Taken.	Mos kept open	Average Attendance	No Baptisms From S. S.	Contributions to Orphanage	S. S. Expenses.	Volumes in Library.
Antioch	W J Farthing, St Jude,	N. C.	6	60		6	50				
Bethel	J K Perry Gugar Grove	"	7	85	65	12	47	6		6.90	
Beaver Dam	Lee Swift Reese	"	8	70	1200	12	73	8		5.00	40
Bethany	L M Farthing Hackett		6	40	60	6	31	5		4.00	
Beech Mtn.	T F Cook Sr Whaley		9	75	50	9	50			2.87	
Boone	D D Dougherty Boone		6	80	100	12	44	13	19.06	24.00	50
Blowing Rock	Hermon S Deal Blowing Rock		11	123	477	12				73.58	
Brushy Fork	L M Trivett Vilas		5	70		12	40			6.00	
Cove Creek	D C Mast Sugar Grove		11	70	100	12	48	12		10.61	
Cool Springs	J M Pearson Blowing Rock		5	40	50	6	40		2.03	3.00	
Clarks Creek	G W Byrd Banners Elk		5	30	35	6	20	6		65	
Elk Valley	J C Blair Hale		7	62	66	9	48			5.04	
Fall Creek	T B Gryder Dark Ridge		6	31	13	6	26			.80	
Forest Grove	A G Storie Vilas	"	8	115	82	12	70	12	9.31	10.40	
Flat Springs	J L Greene Whaley		5	35		6	30			2.00	
Gap Creek	A R Yates Hopkins		5	72	120	6	26			2.23	
Howards Creek	E J Norris Sands		4	26	34	6	15				
Laurel Springs	J F Salmons Boone		6	66	50	12	35	6		6.00	
Meat Camp	T J Tugman Sands		7	69	68	12	37				
Mt Calvary	C L Shoemaker Balm		6	50	60	12	40				
Mt Gillead	G W Younce Beech Creek		5	60	150	6	40			3.00	
Mt Lebanon	H M Bumgarner Vilas		4	60	60	12	35			1.25	

Middle Fork	Wm Elrod	Blowing Rock	"	6	55		12	36			5.52	
Pleasant Grove	E H Perry	Zionville		9	100	356	12	69	6		4.76	
Pleasant Valley	James Hodges	Elk Park		4	40	110	6	45			5.00	
Rich Mountain	A B Greene	Zionville		5	75	32	12	50	6		3.20	
South Fork	I E Duncan	Todd		11	100	87	6	73			3.00	
Shulls Mills	Thomas Childers	Shulls Mills		6	47	56	6	38		.60	1.37	
Sampson	J L Hawkins	Penley		6	67	12	9				.40	
Three Forks	L N Perkins	Boone		6	30		6			7.50	5.00	50
Timb'r'd Ridge	Carrol Greene	Peoria		7	68	73	12	64			5.00	118
Union	A J Greene	Mabel		9	100	75	12	57	2	.66	5.11	
Willowdale	J W Blair	Vilas		7	91	95	12	57			11.20	
Zionville	Geo Roten	Zionville		8	80	77	12	60	2		6.40	60
Zion Hill	E F Tester	Watauga Falls		5	50		6	35	7			

MINUTES

of the

SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

of the

THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

of North Carolina

held with

SOUTH FORK BAPTIST CHURCH,

Watauga County, N. C.

August 29, 30, and 31, 1912

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MINUTES

——Of The——

Three Forks Baptist Association.

SOUTH FORK BAPTIST CHURCH,
Watauga County, N. C., Aug. 29, 1912.

THE Three Forks Baptist Association met in its 72nd annual session in the house of worship of South Fork Church.

After singing conducted by W. T. Vandyke, and prayer by J. M. Payne, J. J. L. Sherwood, who was appointed at last association to preach the annual sermon, read for his text a part of the 34th verse of the 13th chap. of Mark: "And to every man his work." Bro. Sherwood divided his sermon into three sections: 1. Conviction, 2. Conversion, 3. Incorporation, or work. Prayer at the close of the sermon by J. F. Eller. "Home of Light" was sung.

Benediction by W. R. Bradshaw. Adjourned for one hour.

AFTER NOON, TUESDAY.

The Association assembled after dinner was served on the ground. W. T. Vandyke led in singing several selections. Prayer was offered by J. M. Kesler.

Letters were presented from 33 churches. C. S. Farthing moved that the letters be referred to the Committee on Digest of Letters, without reading.

The term of office of the present officers having expired, and they requesting that they be not re-elected, D. D. Dougherty placed in nomination J. J. L. Sherwood for Moderator, Chas. Mast seconding the nomination. Chas. Mast, and D. D. Dougherty were also placed in nomination for Moderator.

The association proceeded to ballot for Moderator and Clerk.

The ballots were collected and compared by W. R. Bradshaw and W. R. Beach, who reported a tie vote for W. S. Farthing and J. J. L. Sherwood for Mod. The Moderator, W. S. Farthing, cast the deciding vote for J. J. L. Sherwood for Moderator. The present incumbent, Smith Hagaman, was re-elected Clerk. A motion prevailed to make the election unanimous.

The Clerk read an order of business for this session, which on motion was adopted.

The following announced themselves as Correspondents and Visitors:

From Stony Fork association, B. F. Wilcox.
From Caldwell Co. association, T. S. Robbins.
W. R. Bradshaw, representing State Missions.
W. R. Beach, representing Biblical Recorder.
J. W. Duncan, Ashe association.
Wade D. Bostic, Missionary to China.
J. M. Kesler, representing Home Mission.
Jacob Younce, from Macon County association.
D. S. Lee, from Caldwell County association.
C. M. Cope, from Caldwell County association.

Stony Fork church presented a letter of dismission from Stony Fork association. The said church was received into this association and its messengers seated.

The following committees were appointed for the present session:
On Finance, Chas Mast, W. Y. Perry.
On Religious Exercises, Pastor & messengers of South Fork church.
On Correspondence, Isaac McGinnis and W. S. Farthing.
On Time, Place, and Preacher for next session, J. W. Holsclaw and E. R. Eggers.

W. S. Farthing moved that the Com. on Correspondence be instructed to recommend some one for appointment as associational Vice President of Foreign Mission Board.

W. S. Farthing read for the Com. on Books and Periodicals the following report on

BOOKS and PERIODICALS.

The reading of good literature is one of the greatest advantages of our age, and its importance can scarcely be urged too strongly. The only means by which we can counteract the invasion of trashy reading matter is to place good reading matter within reach of those who read. We would recommend and urge above all else the reading of God's Word. The Biblical Recorder, which for more than 75 years has been vitally connected with our denominational work and every good undertaking in this State, is the organ of the Baptist State Convention which elects its editor, and controls its policy. This should be in every home so that we may keep in close touch with each other. We would recommend the Foreign Mission Journal, Home Field, and Charity and Children.

W. R. Beach proceeded to discuss the report, especially that part referring to the Biblical Recorder. Said the Recorder has a claim on the Baptists of the State that no other periodical has, owing to the fact that it represents and stands for every interest of the denomination. Our people are going to read some kind of literature, hence the necessity of the very best possible.

The editor of the Recorder was baptized by the present Moderator of this association. Said further, "We must watch carefully the kind of secular news papers we read, because much that is now published in our secular paper sin the name of religion, is rank heresy."

Wade D. Bostick spoke appealingly for plenty of good literature for our children, relating many incidents of its effects on children. Said that when he was 15 years old a tract calling for 100 missionaries to the foreign field was read by himself, which perhaps, under God, was the cause of his going to China.

W. S. Farthing said that he had read the Biblical Recorder during the civil war, and ever since, and I think it was never better than at present.

I. C. Miller said the Recorder, in connection with the Bible, made him a Missionary Baptist.

John Norris and J. F. Eller spoke for the Recorder.

Report on Periodicals adopted.

Committee on Religious Exercises report W. R. Bradshaw to preach tomorrow at 11 A. M., W. D. Bostick at 2 P. M.

J. F. Eller read the report on

TEMPERANCE.

We believe, that according to the teaching of the Bible that it is the will of our Lord, that all his followers should not only be temper

te but that they should also be active in the promotion of the cause f temperance. We are aware that we are contending with a foe, n the forces of intemperance, of gigantic power, one that has an rganization well equipped and complete, and one that has at its ommand an almost unlimited money power so that they can at any ime concentrate their forces at any point they may desire.

Also we believe that our people are not fully aware of the great xtent and the awful destructive power of this evil,—intemperance. We find from the best statistics we can get that out of every one housand deaths in this country 440 are due to alcohol.

Alcohol is killing 725,000 people every year in the U. S. and its ossessions. Or at the rate of nearly 2,000 men every day in the ear. And applied to the whole white race we find the appalling ct that alcohol is killing 3,500,000 white men every year, 5 times s many as have been killed in war in 2,300 years.

These alarming facts, should, we think make us all more active in orking for the cause of temperance.

We are always sorry when our temperance forces have to sustain verses. But this should not in any wise cause any one to relax is efforts for temperance. We believe that the workers of intemerance have been exceedingly active in our section during the past ear, and that our temperance laws are being evaded and violated to large extent. But on the whole we think the cause of temperance be advancing.

We believe that the law most needed for our part of the country that Congress should enact one prohibiting the shipment of intoxating liquors into prohibition states.

We therefore recommend that the constituency of this association ould labor to the end that such a law be enacted.

We also urge that existing temperance laws be zealously guarded d that we use all reasonable means to have such laws enforced.

Finally we would recommend that the principles of temperance be ught and instilled into the minds of the rising generation.

J. F. Eller, Millard Hagaman, Com.

W. R. Bradshaw was requested to speak to the report.

Said we must do two things: Have men of backbone enough in ch and every community to see that violators of the temperance ws are promptly punished. Second: That we get after Congress at it may stop the shipping of liquor into prohibition territory.

Said further, the man who advocates liquor is a meaner man than e who makes and sells it. Report is adopted.

Ira Duncan read for the South Fork Church's Committee their reort on Hospitality. The association stood and sang "Praise God om whom all blessings flow." Benediction by Wade D. Bostick.

Adjourned to 8: 30 tomorrow morning.

SECOND DAY,—MORNING SESSION.

W. T. Vandyke conducted a song service. Prayer by G. Roten.

ter further singing, the Mod. called the asso. to order at 9 o'clock

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

The Roll of Messengers was called, and those not present were icken from the roll.

W. S. Farthing moved that Alexander Hagaman and W. H. Eller be added to the Committee on State of the Churches.

Will H. McGuire read the

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

Since the beginning of the Baptist Orphanage in 1885, more than 1,300 children have been received into its care, and at present there are about 385 inmates, divided into ten family groups in ten separate buildings; and there are now at least 100 applicants knocking at its doors for admission.

The running expenses are about $100 per day, and more cottages are needed so the children may be placed in smaller groups, and the fitting up of the farm in Eastern N.C. calls for extra contributions to erect and equip buildings for the reception of children.

This institution appeals both to human sympathy and Christian charity for the support and uplifting of the needy and helpless.

Think what it means to have taken 1,300 children from the helpless condition of these orphan children, and placing them under the Christian and educational influences of the Orphanage, training them for useful Christian citizenship,— to say nothing of the possibilities of its future work.

Your committee would recommend that all our people contribute liberally to this object, feeling that bread cast upon the water in this way will return in due time as a great blessing to the Church, the State, the nation, and to humanity, and ultimately add something to the glory of God.

Will H. McGuire, W. N. Howell, Com.

W. R. Bradshaw spoke of the necessity of equipping the farm donated to the Orphanage by Mr. and Mrs, Kenedy. Said the children at the Orphanage are very busyat work and at school.

Reprot is adopted.

The following is indicated by the Messengers for the Orphanage for the coming year:

Antioch 3 collections. Bethel $10. Beaver Dam 2 col. Bethany 2 col. Boone $20. Blowing Rock $10. Brushy Fork 12 col. Cove Creek $20. Cool Springs$2.50. Clark's Creek $2.50. Elk Val. 2 col. Forest Grove 52 col. Flat Springs $5. Gap Creek 2 col. Howard's Creek 52 col. Laurel Springs 4 col. Meat Camp 2 col. Mt. Calvary 3 col. Mt. Gillead $5. Mt. Lebanon 2 col. Middle Fork $5. Pleasant Grove $5. Rich Mtn. $2. South Fork 25 col. Shull's Mills 2 col. Sampson 3 col. Three Forks 52 col. Timbered Ridge 14 col Union 3 col. Zionville $5. Zion Hill 26 col. Stony Fork $5.

L. C. Wilson read the Report on

STATE MISSIONS.

For more than 80 years the Baptists of North Carolina have been seeking the lost through the medium of State Missions. To point out all that has been accomplished through this department of our work would be impossible. It is enough to know that the achievements of our work have been wonderful indeed.

Through this medium very largely the Baptists of N.C. have been able to take their stand a nong the world powers for good.

Through this department, they have been seeking to possess every nook and corner of the State. But with all of these efforts and with all that has been accomplished it cannot be denied that there still remains much serious destitution. And which should appeal to every Baptist; blessed and favored as we are, with a self supporting church in almost ever nook and corner of the country.

With a sound and faithful ministry from our earliest history, free from commercialism, Catholicism, and other contaminating influences, which effect other parts of the State. With such means in our hands, if properly and lawfully used to bring strength and vital power against the foe of our beloved State.

Is it not known that North Carolina is one of the six States in the South in which the Roman Catholics made a greater percentage of gain than Protestants?

That North Carolina is the only State in the South, whose percentage of increase in Church membership did not keep pace with the growth of population?

Only 30 percent of our population being Christian, while there are more churchmembers in the state by 114,800 than there were 10 years ago, the proportion of church membership to the total population is 4.2 per cent less than it was ten years ago. While the population has been growing more rapidly than the total membership of all of the denominations, it must be noted that the Baptists have grown nearly 4 per cent more rapidly than the population

The most recent religious statistics are from 1890—1906. During this time the Baptists in N. C. gained 90123, or 29 per cent, while all others gained only 49068 or 13 per cent, showing that our gain is more than twice as large as all others combined.

This gain on the part of the Baptist is due in a large measure to their aggressive and progressive State Mission policy.

Is it not clear from these figures that there rests upon the Baptists a tremendous weight of responsibility so far as the religious future of State is concerned. In view of this responsibility we would call upon every church, composing the Three Forks Association; and upon every member of every church; to take this serious question to their hearts and look well to the record that we have made and answer for ourselves as to what lot or part have I in taking the State for Christ.

L. C. Wilson, Charles Mast, W. H. Eller, Com.

Geo. Roten read the

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The watchword of the Home Mission Board is Forward! and it has planned a distinctly aggressive campaign for the present year. Besides the regular work steps forward were taken in two ways:

The first was in conformity to the instructions of the Southern Baptist Convention that the Board at once should take steps to raise $1,000,000 Church Building Loan Fund. It was decided to complete the raising of this Fund within three years and to employ special workers for this purpose at the earliest possible moment.

There are 2,000 or more houseless Baptist churches in our territory and in hundreds of these the establishment of strong centers for Christ and his truth only awaits some aid in erecting houses.

The second large step taken was in response to repeated reports before that body calling for the Home Board to put forth larger efforts to help in training and enlisting backward churches. This note, first sounded in recent years by the lamented Dr. F. H. Kerfoot, has become stonger and stronger until now several of the State Boards have made requests of the Home Board for aid in this work. At its July meeting the Board ordered the establishment of a Department of Enlistment and Co-operation and provided for the election of a special representative to labor in this department.

We believe that in this movement there are prospective blessings for Southern Baptists and their usefulness that are almost beyond our conception. It looks to "teaching them to observe all things" to saving the lost and baptizing the converted. It will provide for helping to train the churches more fully in all the ways of the Lord as well as enlisting them in larger giving.

Our Board is leading Southern Baptists in a worthy way in the great and fundamental work of saving the South. Your committee warmly commends it and its work to the prayers and enthusiastic and liberal support of the churches in our association.

We recommend:— 1. That clubs of subscribers be raised in every church for The Home Field, the splendid monthly of the Board. Price 35 c. single copies, or 25c in clubs of five or more.

2. That pastors and workers secure and read the Board's instructive new book, "The Home Mission Task." Price 50c in cloth, 10 cts extra for postage; 35c in paper, 7c extra for postage.

3. That large use be made of the varied and helpful tracts of the Board, which are mailed free on application.

4. That this Association provide for apportioning among its churches the amount we are asked to raise for Home Missions.

5. That all of our pastors be requested to preach upon this great cause at least once during the year. The Board will gladly furnish material for special study to pastors on request.

The address of the Home Mission Board is 1002 Third National Bank Bldg., Atlanta, Ga. All requests for the magazine, tracts, the book, and other printed matter should be addressed to the Publicity Department.

W. Y. Perry read the

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The chief function of the church of Jesus Christ is giving of the gospel to others—made so by Christ himself. Dr. Cook, the great Baptist historian, says "That whenever and wherever, a church has failed, or refused to perform this function, that retrogression and death has been the result. The scriptures abundantly teach, that His gospel shall be preached to all nations, and that it shall be no failure in its effect.

We are just closing a century of what is known as modern mis-

sionary effort. The history of which abundantly portrays its marvelous transforming powers wherever it has been preached. We have reached a point in the progress of mission work never before attained in the history of the world. The year just closed saw more money contributed for Foreign mission work; more fields occupied; more missionaries on the field; more churches organized, and more converts baptized, than any year in the history of the churches.

The Baptist had on the foreign fields last year 1484 missionaries, beside the thousands of native helpers; and baptized 15,755 converts of which number Southern Baptists baptized 4,300. Not withstanding this marvelous advancement we are upon the verge of what looks to be the greatest awakening among the nations ever recorded in the history of the mission world.

China, which contains more than one fourth of the population of the entire world, is casting away her idols and accepting Christ as never before.

The work is progressing equally as well, on all other foreign fields as in China.

In viewing the past we are made to exclaim "What has God wrought in these lands?" Yet, this but the beginning of what is most assuredly coming.

When we turn our eyes homeward into our own association to our own churches we feel that we are falling short of a great privilege that God has given us to have a greater part in this glorious work.

No Christian ought to feel this work a task but a joyous service to be allowed a part in the evangelization of the world.

It seems to us, that the greatest need in all of our churches of this association is the cultivation of a real missionary spirit. In this, the pastors will be responsible.

The hour having arrived for devotional Services, the congregation sang "Cleansing Fountain." J. H. Farthing led in earnest prayer after which W. R. Bradshaw read fron 1st Cor. 3rd chap. and commented at some length on the same. Prayer was offered by Wade D. Bostick for the presence of the Holy Spirit in the discussion on Missions.

L.C. Wilson spoke briefly on State Missions yielding his time to W. R. Bradshaw who read several selections of scripture and proceeded to discuss our State's destitution and needs at length. Said our needs in the Western section of the State is development of the churches for work, being already well evangelized.

Our State Mission work in the central or Piedmont section is in the Cotton Mill towns among the Cotton Mill laborers.

In the Eastern Section is a large general destitution. Much of it is entirely without Baptist preaching,—whole counties with but one or two Baptist preachers. Bro. Bradshaw exhibited maps and diagrams showing the various conditions of the Baptists in different sections of the State.

The following was promised for State Missions for next year:

Antioch 2 col. Bethel $2. Boone $15. Blowing Rock 2 col. Cove Creek $10. Forest Grove $15. Gap Creek 1 col. Howards Creek 2 col. Laurel Springs 1 col. Meat Camp $3. Mt. Calvary 2 col. Mt. Gillead 2 col. Middle Fork $3. Rich Mtn. $3. South Fork 1 col. Shulls Mills 1 col. Sampson 2 col. Timbered Ridge 2 col. Zionville 2 col. Zion Hill 1 col. Stony Fork 1 col.

I. C. Miller urges the Deacons to aid the pastors in pressing this work. J. M. Kesler spoke to the report on Home Missions, saying Jesus Christ made no distinction as to the departments of mission work: A lost man in one place needs the gospel as badly as another. On motion adjourned for one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON, — SECOND DAY.

The association convened at the place of preaching in the grove near the church house to hear a discussion of Foreign Missions by Wade D. Bostick, Missionary to China.

Said I am the only missionary in a field containing a population of about 2,000,000. Gave a vivid description of famine and sufferings that he had recently experienced in China.

Spoke of the very great task of learning the Chinese language taking about four years to obtain a practical knowledge of the same.

Spoke impressively of the longing of the Chinese heart for something—they know not what. They are conscious of Sin even before they are enlightened.

The three several reports on missions were adopted.

It is announced that Miss Blanche Barrus of Raleigh N. C. representing the Ladies Missionery Union will speak to the ladies in the Church immediately.

The association engaged singing while the ladies repared to the house.

John Brown read the following on

PASTORAL SUPPORT

That the laborer is worthy of his hire is abundantly taught in the Bible there is no doubt on the part of Baptists. Luke 10:7 Mathew 10:10 That the Baptists of the Three Forks Association are not living up to this faith in the matter of pastoral support is evidenced by the past reports. The average salary for the past four years being $41.05. The average membership is 97. The average amount per member is 43 cts. That these figures are hardly creditable.

Respt. submitted,

J. C. Brown.

The report is adopted.

The Moderator announced the Committees for 1913, which appears in another part of these minutes.

The Clerk read for the committee to examine Historical Matter in the hands of the Historian, the following

REPORT.

We your committee appointed to examine and report on Matter collected by the Historian have made a partial examination of said matter and find in the hands of the Historian matters of interest & importance to this association, and as Bro. Horton has been physically unable to complete and arrange the same, we would recommend that this association appoint one or two brethren to assist the Historian in the completion of that work and report the same at next session of the association that the association may take steps to have said matter published in some way.

Respectfully submitted.

T. P. Adams, Smith Hagaman,
L. C. Wilson, W. S. Farthing.

The report is approved.

T. P. Adams and W. L. Bryan were appointed to aid the Historian as above recommended.

The Com. on Religious Exercises report E. F. Jones to preach tomorrow at 10 A. M., and C. M. Cope of Ashe association to preach at 2 P. M.

On motion adjourned. Benediction by C. S. Farthing.

LAST DAY, — MORNING SESSION.

After singing, prayer was offered, E. J. Norris leading.

"What shall our record be" was sung; W. T. Vandyke leading.

Prayer by J. F. Eller.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Ira Duncan was added to the committee on Finance.

Alexander Hagaman read the

REPORT ON DIGEST OF LETTERS:

We find from the lettrs of 35 churches that during last year we had 137 Baptisms. Received by Letter 65. Restored 14. Lost by Letter 82. Excluded 42. Death 26. Membership: Males 1,435, Females 2,094, Total, 3,529.

Contributions to various objects are as follows:

Pastors' Salaries $1,423.67. Building and Repairs $364.62. Incidentals $123.22. Sunday-school Expenses $244.42. The Poor $73.70 State Missions $98.75. Home Missions $56.64. Foreign Missions $191.41. Orphanage $294.02. Old Ministers Relief $29.93. Other Objects $181.78. Value of Church Property $18,650.00. Minutes and Clerk $30.75. Sunday School Missions $10.61 Ministerial Education $0.90 One Church not represented.

Alex. Hagaman, W. H. Eller, Com.

Report adopted.

J.J.L. Sherwood made a verbal report of Com. to confer with N.L. Mast relative to establishing a School at Mast N.C. Reports nothing done, but there is prospect of a school being established.

L.W. Farthing moved that the report be received and the Trustees be continued with the original instructions.

The clerk read for the Com. the report on

EDUCATION.

We, your committee on education submit the following report;

1. We recommend that our Baptist people as citizens give the public schools their support. Since the church cannot educate the masses, the only way of reaching them is through the public schools. We therefore urge that our Baptist citizens get behind them and make them the most worthy of all our State Institutions.

2. We demand that the Lagislature better care for the public schools by more money and better equipment. The success of the church and State depends, not upon giving a few people high school and college training, but upon the education of the masses. We believe the higher institutions of the State have existed at the expense of the public schools. Only five out of every one hundred children in North Carolina attend any high school. "Would it not be better for the church and State to have one hundred people in North Carolina liberally educated than ninety five poorly educated and five highly educated?"

We would not take from the higher institutions one cent that belongs to them. Indeed we would love to see them have better equipment and more money, for they are doing a good work; but would it not be better for the State to first look out for the public schools, and then serve the higher institutions?

3 In order that we may have a better daily attendance in our schools, we should have a mild form of compulsory law.

4 For college training we urge that our people support their own institutions.

Respectfully,

A. J. Green, I. G. Greer, Com.

E. F. Jones said we are sadly neglecting the public schools of our State. E. J. Norris said I would say to all educate your children be sure you do. John Norris said I am in favor of a compulsory school law. The Mod. suggested that we might be stepping on the State's side of the work by recommending compulsory education law.

C. S. Farthing and W. S. Farthing think not.

Amazing grace was sung while the audience passed out of the house to hear a sermon by E. F. Jones. Prayer was offered by L. W. Farthing. J. M. Payne read the report on

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, as a Committee, submit the following: We are thankful for the interest that our Churches are taking in Sunday School work. We think about one half of our Churches has an ever-green S. S. and the other half does not have S. S. during the cold winter months.

We think our churches did about as good work last year as they have in any of the preceeding years. We think S. S. is the study

of the Bible, and if so, may we labor and pray to enlist more members of our Churches in this great work. We think our people should realize the fact that the impression made in S. S. on every boy and girl will last them through their whole life. And may we do more of this great work in the following year than we have in the past.

We advise all our churches to see to it that they have an ever-green Sunday School.

J. M. Payne, Com.

W. H. Eller moved that the report be adopted. J. M. Payne spoke to the report; Said the greatest trouble prehaps is our lack of energy in the membership of the Churches is possibly a lack of Spirituality in Sunday-school work. W. S. Farthing discussed the greater need of better teachers in our Sunday-schools. Said all S. S. teachers ought to take and use the "Baptist Teacher".

L. W. Farthing spoke briefly. C. S. Farthing said the S.S. work has advanced in the Asso. Said further that possibly our greatest work now is to get an ever-green S. S. in every Church.

J. F. Eller said the pastors must lead in ever-green S. S.

P.H. Haire from Ashe Co. Asso. reports himself as correspondent.

George Roten said my trouble in S. S. work is getting efficient teachers.

W. R. Bradshaw spoke of better equipped teachers.

Report is adopted.

C. S. Farthing Colporteur, reports that he has not even received the Colporteur fund. States that the funds are in the hands of the Treasurer. Report is received.

J. J. L. Sherwood said we ought to buy and circulate more Baptist Literature. J. W. Holsclaw, John Norris, and W. S. Farthing spoke briefly. W. S. Farthing moved that C. S. Farthing be continued as Colporteur, with instructions to draw the funds from the Treasurer to continue the work. Motion amended by inserting the name of J. J. L. Sherwood in place of C. S. Farthing.

C. S. Farthing reported attending the Stony Fork Association.

W. S. Farthing reported attending Watauga Association.

J. M. Payne Stony Fork Association.

D. D. Dougherty reported attending the Baptist State Convention.

J. H. Farthing attended Stony Fork Association.

The Clerk read the

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as per Statement 1911	$ 69.90
Received for Orphanage, Thomasville,	69.23
" " State Board,	91.83
" " Gospel Missions,	112.50
" From Minute Fund,	31.59
Total,	$375.05

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Baptist Orphanage, Thomasville,	$ 69.23	
To Walters Durham, Treas. State Board:		
Foreign Missions,	43.68	
State "	18.12	
Home "	17.52	
Old Ministers' Relief Fund	12.51	
To T. L. Blalock, Gospel Missions,	121.54	
" Will H. McGuire. Printing Minutes,	23.24	
" Smith Hagaman, Clerk of Association.	7.50	
" Treasurer for Postage,	1.00	
In Treasury, Colporteur Fund	55.89	
" Minute Fund,	.85	
Balance in Treasury,	3.97	
Total, - - - - - - - - -	$375.05	$375.05

Respectfully submitted,

D. F. Horton,
Treasurer Three Forks Association.

J. F. Eller moved that W. Y. Perry be appointed Treasurer for next year.

W. S. Farthing read the following

REPORT on NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, recommend the following Correspondents:

To Stony Fork Association: C. S. Farthing, John Norris, Wm. Elrod, and J. F. Eller.

To Ashe Association: J. F. Eller, E. J. Norris, Smith Hagaman, Charlie Hagaman, and George W. Trivett.

To Caldwell Co. Association: J. M. Payne, A. J. Shull, J. J. L. Sherwood, E. F. Jones, and Asa Brown.

To Watauga Association: J. H. Farthing, Lee Fox, Wellington Swift.

To Mitchell Co. Association: J. J. L. Sherwood, D. A. Greene, G. W. Trivett.

To Southern Baptist Convention: W. C. Coffey.

To Baptist State Convention: L. C. Wilson, I. G. Greer, and J. H. Farthing.

Member of State Mission Board: D. D. Dougherty.

Associational Vice President Foreign Mission Board: Smith Hagaman.

Sunday School Secretary for the Three Forks Asso. W. Y. Perry.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac McGhinnis, W. S. Farthing. Com.

Report adopted.

John Norris presented the following

RESOLUTIONS.

We your committee on Resolutions present the following:

RESOLVED 1. That the sincere thanks of this body be extended

to the brethern, sisters, and friends of South Fork Church for their hospitality manifested toward us during this session.

RESOLVED 2. That we thank W. R. Bradshaw and other visitors for their presence and for their able assistance in the work of this body.

An Appreciation

In as much as our moderator, W. S. Farthing, after a service of twenty years desires to be relieved from further duties as presiding officer and in appreciation of his unselfish efforts in advancing the kingdom of the Master, his impartial rulings while presiding, and his lovable Christain Character on all occasions desire to record this expression of our gratitude for his services and example.

L. W. Farthing, E. J. Norris, John Norris.

D. D. Dougherty presented a cane cut from the grounds of the Mother Church—Three Forks Church—as a token of appreciation, to W. S. Farthing, the retiring Moderator.

J. W. Holsclaw presented the Report on

TIME AND PLACE

After being amended, was adopted.

Time of next Association Tuesday after fourth Sunday in Aug. 1913

Place Cove Creek Church. J.F. Eller preacher, J. M. Payne, alternate.

W. Y. Perry offered the

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Received for	Minute Fund	$ 31.96
"	State Missions	12.12
"	Home Missions	13.47
"	Gospel Mis. Blalock	17.39
"	Foreign Missions	27.45
"	Old Ministers' Relief	6.16
"	Orphanage	69.32
		$177.87

W. Y. Perry, I. E. Duncan, Com.

A motion prevailed to adjourn for one hour.

EVENING SESSION.

Convened at 1 P. M.

After singing, prayer by E. J. Norris and John Norris.

John Norris moved that the Clerk be allowed $7.50 for his service and that he superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes according to the funds.

It is announced that the next session of the S. S. Convention will be held with Laurel Fork church, instead of Laurel Springs, as is stated in the minutes of the S. S. Convention.

Asa Brown takes a collection for a blind man, a Mr. Canter, who is present.

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES	PASTORS & P. O.	CLERKS & P. O.	Baptism	Letter.	Restored.	Letter	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Time of Preaching.	Value of Ch. Property.	Seating Capacity.
Antioch	J. H. Farthing, Sweet Water, N.C.	W. J. Farthing St Jude N.C	00	0	0	1	1	1	65	75	140	1	1000	400
Bethel	J. H. Farthing " "	W. S. Farthing Sweet Water				1		1	47	73	120	4	500	350
Beaver Dam	E. F. Jones Boone.	C. B. Reese Reese	6			4	3		58	76	134	1	400	400
Bethany	G. W. Trivett Watauga Falls	J. L. Triplet Matney	4	2					22	27	49	3	500	200
Beech Mtn.	W. M. Cannon Elk Park	G. W. McGuire Dark Ridge				4	3		76	106	182	1	800	500
Boone	E. F. Jones Boone	W. L. Bryan Boone		3					35	29	64	2-4	500	250
Brushy Fork	J. M. Payne Blowing Rock	J. H. Presnell Vilas	7	3		3		2	69	89	158	2	1000	500
Blowing Rock	J. M. Payne Blowing Rock	J H Winkler Blowing Rock	22	8	1	1	3	2	45	54	99	3	1200	300
Cove Creek	J. H. Farthing Sweet Water	D C Mast Sugar Grove				1		1	42	62	104	3	1000	400
Cool Springs	G. W. Trivett Sugar Grove	Q B Cannon Blowing Rock	10		1	2			49	59	108	2	300	250
Clarks Creek	John Norris Sugar Grove	Joel Eggers Banner Elk	1				2		10	26	36	1	300	200
Elk Knob	W. H. Mikeal Sutherland	J M South Tamarack							31	41	72		275	240
Elk Valley	G. W. Trivett Sugar Grove	H. L. Laurence Hale					1	1	56	32	88	1	700	400
Fall Creek	David Greene Dark Ridge	W. B. Norris Hale				1			21	17	38		300	
Forest Grove	J. F. Eller Vilas	Millard Hagaman Vilas		1	1	1	3		66	92	158	3	800	400
Flat Springs	D. A. Greene Whaley	A J Greene Whaley				2	2	2	33	29	62	4	400	300
Gap Creek	Asa Brown McGuire	G W Smith Hopkins	12			6	2		32	59	91	1	555	350
Howards Creek	E. M. Gragg Vilas	E J Norris Sands	1			8			15	38	53	4	500	300
Laurel Springs	J. M. Payne Boone	J M Younce Yuma				1	2	1	60	112	172	4	800	450
Meat Camp	L. A. Wilson Zionville	L A Greene Sands	17	7	2		1		55	111	166	3	900	400
Mt. Calvary	J. F. Eller Vilas	E F Chapel Balm	5	2				2	40	65	105	2	800	350
Mt. Gilleal	D. A. Greene Whaley	T M Younce Beech Creek	3	6		9			39	46	85	3	500	
Mt. Lebanon	W. Swift Reese	H M Bumgarner Vilas	3	3			3		32	57	89	1	800	400

Middle Fork	J. M. Payne	Boone
Pleasant Grove	L. A. Wilson	Zionville
Pleasant Valley	G. W. Trivett	Sugar Grove
Rich Mountain	L. C. Wilson	Sugar Grove
South Fork	C. S. Farthing	Sugar Grove
Shulls Mills	N. S. Hampton	Blowing Rock
Sampson	D. S. Wheeler	Triplet
Stony Fork	I. C. Miller	Stony Fork
Three Forks	I. C. Miller	Stony Fork
Timb'r'd Ridge	J. F. Eller	Vilas
Union	L. A. Wilson	Zionville
Willowdale	S. L. Fox	Vilas
Zionville	J.J.L.Sherwood	Vilas
Zion Hill	David Greene	Whaley

A J Shull	Blowing Rock			1		1	2		32	41		73	4	600	250
E H Perry	Zionville	2				2	2		61	104		165	4	300	300
W L Hagie	Elk Park	9	2	1		1	3	3	52	75		127	4	200	200
R L Walls	Zionville	1	5			1		3	35	46		81	2	600	300
Will H McGuire	Brookside		2			4		3	53	78		131	1	1000	400
J M Day	Shulls Mills					4	3		11	17		28	4	500	400
S E Harrison	Penley	2				2		1	34	39		73	3	100	100
A A Hamby	Stony Fork	16	9	2		3			104	92		196	2	1000	500
J C Brown	Boone		8	1		7	1	1	46	67		113	3	400	400
Wade L Greene	Peoria		1			2		2	24	40		64	1	500	300
A J Greene	Mabel	7	3	1		4	2	1	56	96		152	1	400	500
W E Dugger	Vilas	2	4				2		23	24		47	4	250	250
G C Greer	Zionville	5		3		4	3	2	68	89		157	2		
E F Tester	Watauga Falls	11		2		1	2		36	41		77	2	800	

W. S. Farthing moved that the former Executive Committee be continued for next year.

Adopted the following report on

OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF.

The object of this board is to aid the needy Baptist ministers of North Carolina and their widows. There are at present about thirty-five beneficiaries and several applicants. These beneficiaries receive from forty to two hundred dollars a year. Some of them have no means of support except the amount they receive from this board

It should be the desire and effort of every Baptist of the State that not one of those who have been worthy proclaimers of God's truth should suffer for the actual necessities of life. Therefore we believe it the duty of every church in this association to do something to help support the men who have spent their lives in the services of our Master. L. W. Farthing, W. L. Greene, Com.

A motion prevailed to adjourn to time and place.

By request W. R. Bradshaw conducted the closing exercises.

"How firm a foundation" was sung The parting hand was extended, after which Bro. Bradshaw led in prayer.

It is announced that Bro. Bradshaw will preach at the pulpit in the grove immediately after adjournment.

J. J. L. SHERWOOD, Moderator.

SMITH HAGAMAN, Clerk.

Appendix.

WOMEN'S WORK.

On Wednesday afternoon the women of the Three Forks Association met together for the purpose of organizing a "Woman's Missionary Union" in the association.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. J. I. Pulliam of Boone.

Miss Blanche Barrus, Cor. Sec. of the Woman's Missionary Union explained the work and aims of the Union. After a discussion by several women present, it was decided that the time had come to effect such an organization, and Mrs. B. J. Councill of Boone was appointed Vice President for the coming year.

Miss Bina Garvey of the Ashe Association made a helpful talk along the lines of associational work. After further discussion by Miss Barrus of plans of work, and of the individual responsibility of women in mission work, the meeting adjourned.

Roll of Messengers.

Antioch— L. W. Farthing.
Bethel— Alexander Hagaman, W S Farthing, E J Farthing.
Beaver Dam— W J Hagaman.
Bethany— W E Triplet J L Triplet.
Beech Mtn.— Letter, no messengers.
Boone— R G Gragg, D D Dougherty.
Blowing Rock— Letter, no messengers.
Brushy Fork— T A Adams.
Cove Creek— D C Mast, W Y Perry.
Cool Springs— J M Pearson J B Cannon.
Clarks Creek— Joel Eggers.
Elk Valley— J C Blair.
Elk Knob— Not represented.
Fall Creek— Letter, no messengers.
Forest Grove— Smith Hagaman, A G Storie, E R Eggers.
Flat Springs— Coy Greene.
Gap Creek— H E Greene, John Watson, Lee Miller.
Howards Creek— John Robertson, Wm. Bumgarner, E J Norris.
Laurel Springs— Larkin Greene, Jacob Greene.
Meat Camp— J H Greene. C M Brown, D C Byers.
Mt Calvary— G W Brown, W H Shoemaker.
Mt Gillead— G W Younce.
Mt Lebanon— J W Holsclaw, E F Cornell.
Middle Fork— A J Shull, John Ashley, W T Vandyke.
Pleasant Grove— Wilburn Eggers, T P Adams.
Pleasant Valley— Letter, no messengers.
Rich Mountain— J M Cornell.
South Fork— W N Howell, Will H McGuire, I E Duncan.
Shulls Mills— J S Reed, Zeb Brown, Charlie Brown.
Sampson— W N Storie.
Stony Fork— W S Greene, W H Miller, J D Cook.
Three Forks— J C Brown, L N Perkins, P L Hamby.
Timbered Ridge— W H Eller, Wade L Greene.
Union— T A Warren.
Willowdale— Letter, no messengers.
Zionville— R C Eggers, Geo Roten, W C Greer.
Zion Hill— E F Tester.

Committees for 1913.

State Missions- Smith Hagaman, D D Dougherty, Will H McGuire.
Home Missions- J F Eller, W N Howell, L N Perkins.
Foreign Missions- W S Farthing, T P Adams, Monroe Gragg.
Education- I G Greer, L C Wilson, Charlie Mast.
Pastoral Support- L A Wilson, W Y Perry, Ira Duncan.
Temperance- John Brown, T M Vandyke, John Norris.
Sunday Schools- J H Farthing, J M Payne, I C Miller.
Orphanage- J C Blair, C S Farthing, A G Storie.
Old Ministers' Relief- L W Farthing, G P Sherrill, E J Norris.
State of Churches- John Norris, Larkin Trivett, Tilman Adams.
Books & Periodicals- Asa Brown, D F Horton, Whitfield Farthing
Resolutions- Andy Shull, Cicero Greer, Wm Elrod.
Order of Business- Smith Hagaman, W J Hagaman.

FINANCIAL TABLE CHURCHES	Minute Fund	Pastor's Salary	Building & Repairs	Incidentals	Poor	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Old Ministers' Relief	Other Objects
Antioch	1.00	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00	1.00	3.00	2.00	0.00	00.00
Bethel	1.50	68.63		2.25		10.10	10.10	10.10	12.17	1.00	6.00
Beaver Dam	.90	128.27	1.50	1.00		6.35	6.22	67.34		4.13	3.20
Bethany	.50	44.26						3.62	2.00		
Beech Mtn.	1.40	48.10		10.00		2.92			7.04		
Boone	1.25	250.00		8.60		11.50	8.22	15.85	12.05	6.19	3.23
Brushy Fork	1.42	59.50		10.00	6.00			3.61	6.83		26.80
Blowing Rock	1.00	200.00				32.00	2.27	4.27	11.90	3.16	
Cove Creek	1.00	100.00			19.83	5.00	5.00	34.42	16.43		
Cool Springs	1.00	47.50	5.00					1.50			
Clarks Creek	.50	15.00							3.16		
Elk Valley	1.00	39.41						2.75	1.45		
Fall Creek	.50	21.55		8.55	10.00			2.00			
Forest Grove	1.30	57.98		1.40		13.34	13.54	33.07	2.72	4.67	35.95
Flat Springs	.50	21.00							2.00		
Gap Creek	1.00	25.75						1.23	1.86		15.55
Howards Creek	.50	22.55		11.45					.40		
Laurel Springs	1.35	72.44						4.52	4.52		
Meat Camp	1.25	56.20	110.00				1.80	2.70	3.01		
Mt. Calvary	1.00	65.72	75.00		7.70	4.00	3.06	5.26	5.03	1.42	14.00
Mt. Gilead	.50	43.95	500.00				1.05		5.00		6.20
Mt. Lebanon	.75	20.59		8.50	25.00						

Middle Fork	1.00	50.00				1.50	1.50	2.00	6.00		20.00	
Pleasant Grove	.60	68.17		2.50	2.57	1.84		2.26	24.00	2.95		
Pleasant Valley	1.00	53.70			4.00			2.67	4.52		20.00	
Rich Mountain	.45	23.32				1.00	1.00	1.98	3.00			
South Fork	.71	40.00	71.00				1.71	2.60	3.84			
Shulls Mills	.50	20.00							1.00			
Sampson	.75	12.00										
Stony Fork	1.50	40.00	2.80		2.60			4.00	4.00		15.10	
Three Forks	1.80	60.25		8.00		5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	11.65	
Timb'r'd Ridge	.75	55.31	336.43	.90		2.00	1.35	2.53	14.23	2.35	7.50	
Union	.60	42.16		8.27		2.20		1.45	5.21	2.00		
Willowdale	.38	57.96		29.80					9.60			
Zionville	1.25	107.92		12.00				7.56	6.80		7.75	
Zion Hill	.50	18.57							1.00			

Boone paid $2.80 for Colleges, Forest Grove 90c for Ministerial Education, and Timbered Ridge $1.16 for S. S. Missions.

OFFICERS of the ASSOCIATION.

J. J. L. Sherwood, Moderator,	Vilas,	N. C.
Smith Hagaman, Clerk,	"	"
J. C. Horton, Historian,	Boone,	"
J. J. L. Sherwood, Colporteur,	Vilas,	"
W. Y. Perry, Treasurer,	"	"

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

J. C. Horton, Smith Hagaman, J. H. Mast, L. N. Perkins, W. C. Coffey.

ASSOCIATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT FOREIGN MISSION BOARD:

Smith Hagaman, Vilas, N. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY for THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION:

W. Y. Perry, Vilas, N. C.

Ordained Ministers.

G W Trivett, Sugar Grove,	N.C.	J H Farthing, Sweet Water,	N.C
C S Farthing	"	John Norris, Sugar Grove,	"
L C Wilson	"	J. J. L. Sherwood, Vilas	"
S L Fox Vilas	"	J F Eller Vilas	"
J G Hagaman Vilas	"	Welington Swift Reese	"
I C Miller Stony Fork	"	J W Trivett Dark Ridge	"
J M Payne Boone	"	Asa Brown Riverside	"
W M Cannon Elk Park	"	James Bradshaw Blowing Rock	
E F Jones Boone	"	J A White Boone	N.C
L A Wilson Zionville	"	D A Greene Whaley	"
W A Braswell Balm	"	I J McGinnis Vilas	"
John Crisp Lenoir	"	E M Gragg Boone	"
W H Mikeal Sutherland	"		

Sunday School Table.

CHURCHES	SUPT. & P. O.		SEC'Y. & P. O.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Quarterlies & Papers Taken.	Mos kept open	Average Attendance	No. Baptisms From S. S.	Contributions to Orphanage	S. School Expenses	Volumes in Library.
Antioch	W. H. Glenn	Watauga Falls	R. R. Trivett, St. Jude	6	00	40	6	00	00	00.00	2.00	
Bethel	J. K. Perry	Sugar Grove	Maggie Perry Sugar Grove	8	82	65	12	56			6.10	
Beaver Dam	J R Eggers	Reese	Geo R Sherrill Reese	8	100	75	12	60	3	9.77		50
Bethany	L M Farthing	Hacket	J L Triplet Matney	5	50	60	12	35	4		5.00	
Beech Mtn.	J W Trivett	Dark Ridge	Joe Parlier Dark Ridge	7	60	20	9	50			.80	
Boone	D D Dougherty	Boone	B J Councill Boone	5	80	100	12	50		3.00	24.24	
Brushy Fork	L M Trivett	Vilas	Bessie Trivett Vilas	6	75	70	12	45	6			
Blowing Rock	H S Deal	Blowing Rock		13		425	12	97	15		67.20	
Cove Creek	D C Mast	Sugar Grove	Vera Glenn Sugar Grove	11	70	100	12			7.06	20.00	
Cool Springs	J M Pearson	Blowing Rock	Maggie Pearson Blowing Rock	5	35	40	6	30		2.50	2.50	
Elk Valley	John D Harman	Hale	R L Guinn Hale	7	40	55	9	35		1.30	4.00	
Fall Creek	T B Gryder	Dark Ridge	Ethel Parlier Dark Ridge	6	35	24	6	38		3.00	.60	
Forest Grove	A G Storie	Vilas	Roy Hagaman Vilas	9	135	91	12	78		24.42	14.44	64
Flat Springs	Ervin Green	Whaley	Eunice Harmon Whaley	7	58		6	45			2.00	
Gap Creek	A R Yates	Hopkins	G E Luther Yuma	5	75	540	6	61	9		2.85	
Howards Creek	E J Norris	Sands	Zora Bumgarner Sands	5	30		6	23			1.10	
Laurel Springs	D H Watson	Yuma	Ella Hardin Rutherwood	5	58		6	31				
Meat Camp	W W Norris	Sands	J W Greene Zionville	12	131	111	12	60			7.79	
Mt. Calvary	C L Shoemaker	Balm	Jettie Gaultney Balm	6	50	60	12	45	2	5.00	5.00	
Mt. Gilead	Smith Eggers	Whaley	Nannie Phillips Beech Creek	6	60	175	6	40			4.00	
Mt. Lebanon	John Hayes	Vilas	J W Holsclaw Vilas	7	76	75	12	36			5.10	

Middle Fork	Wm Elrod	Blowing Rock
Pleasant Grove	W A Tugman	Zionville
Pleasant Valley	B S Stamp	Elk Park
Rich Mountain	A B Greene	Zionville
South Fork	I E Duncan	Todd
Shulls Mills	J M Day	Shulls Mills
Sampson	J L Hawkins	Blowing Rock
Stony Fork	Greene Miller	Stony Fork
Three Forks	L N Perkins	Boone
Timb'r'd Ridge	W H Eller	Leander
Union	Solomon Younce	Mabel
Willowdale	J W Blair	Vilas
Zionville	R C Eggers	Zionville
Zion Hill	E F Foster	Watauga Falls

A J Shull	Blowing Rock	6	70		12	38			6.25		
J P Wilkinson	Vilas	9	80	120	12	62					
J H Evans	Elk Park	5	30	85	6	40					
Alice Ragan	Zionville	6	70	30	12	45	1		3.20		
W S Tatum	Brookside	14	113	50	6	82			2.60		
Emma Brown	Shulls Mills	6	36	39	6	30		1.51	1.61		
		6	49			40			4.85		
J E Wagner	Stony Fork	11	128	150	6	80	15		6.74		
Mattie Hamby	Horton	7	64	78	9	45		8.57	6.00	50	
Nola Gryder	Leander	7	72		12	47		4.12	16.36		
Sallie Warren	Mabel	8	100	75	12	83	5		6.19		
J H Brinkley	Vilas	7	63	60	12	40			13.55		
Sophia Eller	Zionville	7	77	85	12	65	5		7.00	60	
Lillie Edmisten	Watauga Falls	5	50		6	35	7		3.00		

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SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

of the

THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

of North Carolina,

held with

COVE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Watauga County, N. C.

August 26th, 27, 28th, 1913

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LXXIIIrd ANNUAL SESSION.

COVE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH,
Watauga Co., N. C., Aug. 26th, 1913.

THE Three Forks Baptist Association convened this day in its 73rd annual session, in the house of worship of the Cove Creek Baptist church.

Eld. J. J. L. Sherwood led the choir in singing a number of familiar gospel hymns.

By request of the Moderator, the congregation was led in prayer by E. J. Norris. After further singing by the congregation, prayer was offered by Monroe Gragg.

J. F. Eller, who was appointed by last association to preach the annual sermon, after a few preliminary remarks relative to changes that have taken place during the past year, read from 39th chapter of 2d Chron. 10—19 verses; also from 2d Corinthians 9th chapter.

By request of the speaker, J. M. Payne led in prayer for the abundant presence of the Holy Spirit at this hour, after which he announced as his text: "And to remember the words of the Lord Jesus how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."—Acts 20: 35. The sermon was on the subject of Christian giving, in connection with stewardship.

At the conclusion of the sermon the congregation was led in prayer by J. J. L. Sherwood.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow" was sung.

Benediction by John Crisp. Adjourned till 1 o'clock P. M.

AFTER NOON, FIRST DAY.

Prayer was offered by Lee Fox leading.

The Moderator led in singing "How firm a foundation" &c.

The hour for re-organization having arrived, preparatory to the organization, letters were presented from 35 of the 37 churches in the association. L. W, Farthing moved that the letters be referred to the Committee on Digest of Letters without reading. J. F. Eller moved to amend by striking out reference and have letters read. Amendment adopted. W. Y. Perry and Millard Hagaman were appointed to read the letters.

The time having arrived for the election of Moderator and Clerk, a motion prevailed that W. R. Bradshaw cast the ballot of this association for the present Moderator, J. J. L. Sherwood, and Smith Ha-

gaman Clerk. Ballot so cast.

The Clerk read the Order of Business for this session. Same is, by motion of J. L. Hayes, adopted.

W. R. Bradshaw announced himself as a visitor representing State Mission work.

L. B. Hamrick, representing Baptist Orphanage.

Frank Dougherty a visitor from Watauga Association announces himself.

Laurel Knob, a newly constituted church, presents by its messengers, a letter asking for membership in this body.

W. S. Farthing moved that the church be received into this association. Motion prevailed, and its messengers welcomed by the Moderator.

The following Committees were announced:

Committee on Time, Place, &c.—J. W. Green, Lenard Phillips, G. W. McGuire.

Religious Exercises,— Enoch Swift, D. F. Horton, J. J. Glenn, J. H. Farthing.

Finance,— Millard Hagaman, Roby Eggers, Wade Greene, Charlie Mast.

Obituaries,— W. S. Farthing, Smith Hagaman, G. W. McGuire David Greene.

Digest of Letters,— Chas. Mast, W. J. Farthing.

John Norris presents the following

REPORT on TEMPERANCE.

The cause of temperance, like all other righteous causes, is maintained and advanced by the earnest and persistent efforts of its friends.

The last year has witnessed a number of long strides forward in the cause of temperance in our State and Nation.

Our State laws have been strengthened by the enactment of the Search and Seizure Act, that adds very materially to the enforcement of the prohibition laws of the State.

The enactment of the Webb Bill, by the Congress of the United States, prohibiting the shipment of liquor into dry territory for illegal purposes, adds another very strong advantage in the suppression of the liquor traffic; and further, makes clear to all, the wonderful revolution in public sentiment that has been so rapidly forming in the U. S. against the liquor traffic.

We have, at last, arrived at the stage of moral progress in the history of our National life when the liquor traffic is no longer a respectable business.

While we rejoice in the advancement of the past year, yet all around us lies much to be done:—

There must still be a vigorous prosecution of manufacturing public sentiment against the use of intoxicating liquors.

There must still be a persistent and determined prosecution of law against all violators of our prohibitory laws. This must be borne by every good citizen of every community, especially, every

true Baptist ought not to do less.

Respectfully submitted. JOHN NORRIS, Com.

John Norris spoke to the report, particularly the indecency of the traffic. W. Y. Perry spoke, emphasizing the necessity of manufacturing public sentiment against the use of intoxicating liquors.

J. F. Eller spoke of the necessity of enforcing the laws against the sale and shipping of liquor into our county.

W. R. Bradshaw explained the operation of the 'Webb law.' More than one gallon shipped to a single individual makes him liable under the "Webb bill."

C. J. Cottrell and W. J. Farthing continued the discussion.

L. C. Wilson said we ought to revive our zeal in the cause of temperance— the zeal we had when we voted for our prohibition laws.

W. S. Farthing said one of our troubles is that our churches are too lax in discipline on this line.

Frank Dougherty of Watauga association, spoke of the weak points of the Webb law. Said it needs strengthening, and, further, of the necessity of building up a strong public sentiment.

H. H. Farthing spoke briefly as to enforcement of law.

C. S. Farthing said every member ought to see that all other members who drink should be dealt with in all our churches.

The Moderator added some remarks.

The report is adopted by a rising vote.

Asa Brown read the

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The subject of literature is a very important one. The kind of reading matter which enters our homes has a great deal to do with shaping the lives and characters of our children. Impure and unwholesome literature will leave its mark on its readers and perhaps lead them to engage in bad habits, such as robbery, murder, and many other crimes, while good religeous literature will lead in the opposite direction. John Bunyan had access to only two books in his youth, but they where good ones and led in the right way.

Among the many periodicals which your committee recommend are the Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children, Foreign Mission Journal and Home Field, also the publication of the Sunday School Board at Nashvill Tenn. These are good and wholsome reading and every Baptist home should be supplied with as many of them as you may be able to take. Last but not least, a closer study of God's Word. Respectfully submitted. Asa Brown)
L. W. Farthing (Com.

Asa Brown spoke to the report.

W. S. Farthing states that he is authorized to receive subscriptions for the Foreign Mission Journal for 25 cents.

Report adopted.

D. F. Horton read the Report of Committee of Cove Creek Church on Hospitality. Adjourned to 8: 30 tomorrow morning.

Wednesday Morning.

J. M. Payne conducted the devotional exercises.

"When I can read my title clear" was sung. The 92nd Psalm was read, after which Bro. Payne made some remarks relative to the past— past blessings, past mercies etc. Prayer by W. S. Farthing.

Association called to order at 9 a. m.

A motion prevailed to omit reading minutes.

Roll of Messengers called and corrected.

W. J. Farthing, L. E. Beech, and C. J Cottrell, appointed a committee on nominations.

Bro. C. S. Farthing read the report on

ORPHANAGE.

James says "Pure religion and undefiled before God is this: To visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." So the founding and maintaining of homes for orphan children, if done in the right spirit, is pure Religion.

Our home for orphans at Thomasville has in its care 411 children. These must be fed and clothed every day in the year. So we call the attention of every church and Sunday-school to their duty, not only in being liberal but regular, in their contributions to the home. A. G. Storie. C. S. Farthing.

W. Y. Perry moved the adoption of above report.

Bro. J. H. Farthing reported that J. M. Payne will preach in the grove at 11 o'clock.

Bro. Hamrick spoke to the report on Orphanage, discussing the work at the Orphanage in general.

Bro. I. C. Miller expresses an appreciation of the speech of Bro. Hamrick. Report is adopted.

The association sang "There is a fountain filled with blood."

Smith Hagaman read the

REPORT on STATE MISSIONS.

For convenience, in the study of the Mission work in our State, we might consider the state in three sections and, for the further consideration, that the work is different in the different sections.

The first, or Western section of the state, comprises about one fifth of the area and one fourth of the white population: this is the best evangelized part of the state; but its churches the most undeveloped.

Here the stress needs, so much, to be laid upon the last part of the Great Commission—"Teaching them to observe all things what soever I have commanded you."

The Second Section— the Piedmont, or Central,– about one half of the territory and population of the State; is the great industrial section of the State. Here factories are springing up everywhere

and as these mills are built, a Cotton-mill town immediately springs up around them, made up of the poorer class, many of whom come from the surrounding country to find work in the mills. These thousands of men, women, and children must have the gospel. State Mission endeavors to supply this field.

In the last, or Eastern Section of the State, is to be found our greatest destitution. There are eighteen counties in the East in which the destitution is great.

There are Hyde with 23 Baptists; Dare, 150; Beaufort, Pamlico, Carteret, Onslow, Jones, Craven, Pitt, Martin, Washington, Halifax, Edgecombe, Nash, Wilson, Greene, Lenoir, and Johnson.

We had, last year, 150 missionaries on these various fields, who baptized 1,607 people. and reported 2,627 professions of faith.

Expended in State Mission work last year, $47,931.91. The actual expense of carrying on the work last year was 5½ per cent of the receipts.

Contributions from the three sections of the State for preaching the gospel in the State is as follows:—

Eastern Section, 29 cents per member.
Middle " 20 cents "
Western " 7½ c. "

Three Forks association a little more than 2 cents per member.

Respectfully submitted.

Smith Hagaman, Will H. McGuire, Com.

J. F. Fller presents the

REPORT on HOME MISSIONS.

For convenience, the Home Mission work of the Southern Baptists is divided into several departments.

The first is the department of PUBLICITY. the business of which, is to gather and circulate, through various publications, a wide scope of information concerning the conditions needs, and work in the Home Mission fields. This information can be had free, by any one applying.

Another department in known as Church Extention, is the providing, by voluntary contributions, a fund to aid weak and houseless churches in erecting houses of worship. There are at present, 3,500 churches in the bounds of the Southern Baptist convention, without a house in which to worship. A million dollars loan fund is now being provided for this purpose.

The third department is known as the Mountain Mission Schools. The primary purpose of these schools is to train a large number of young preachers and laymen in our denominational principles that, they may be able to successfully meet the invading heresies. There are 30 of these schools now running in the mountainous sections of the Southern States; several of these are in western N. C.

There are now 5,118 students in these schools; 64 of them preachers. 309 baptisms were reported in these schools last year.

By direction of the Southern Baptists, the Home Mission Board has employed about 20 Evangelists to travel throughout the Southern States, and hold revival meetings upon sound Baptist principles of Evangelism, and to correct the abuse of unsound, profes-

sional evangelist that was growing all too common in this country.

Another work of tremendous importance, is an effort to reach and arouse the 10,023 Baptist churches of the South that are taking no part in the evangelization of the world beyond their own church limits, and many, many of them very little even in their own bounds. Think of 10,000 churches, calling themselves Baptist churches of Christ, with their ears closed, and their eyes shut to the plain commands of Christ!

The last, and perhaps the most important department of Home Mission work is an effort to give the gospel to every section and people of our South land, Cuba, and Panama.

There were this last year, employed in this work 1,601 missionaries. Baptized 17,937, expended $123,895.

This work is growing rapidly. What are the churches of the Three Forks association going to do about it?

Respectfully submitted. J. F. Eller.

W. S. Farthing read the

REPORT on FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The duty of giving the gospel to those who have it not is admitted by nearly all intelligent Christian people, but notwithstanding this fact, we as a people have never measured up to our ability, in giving to send the gospel to foreign lands, yet nevertheless the work of southern Baptists on foreign fields has produced greater results in proportion to the amount expended than that of any other people

The last year especially has been one of success and great progress on our foreign fields. A greater number was baptized into the fellowship of the churches than in any previous year (4,532) This is a greater number by more than a thousand than the entire membership of our churches on foreign fields 20 years ago.

Although our people have never measured up to their ability in giving to send the gospel to the heathen, yet the contributions of Southern Baptists to the foreign mission work increased by leaps and bounds in the last forty years. In 1873 the Convention for the first time had its contributions go beyond $50,000. Then in 1890, the receipts went beyond $100,000. In 1903 we went beyond $200,000. In 1907 we first went beyond $400,000, and in 1912 beyond $580,000. In the meantime a great advance has been made in the work on foreign fields. We have about $900,000 in equipment in our different foreign stations. This consists of the hospitals, churches, schools, publishing plants, and homes for missionaries.

Twenty years ago the missionaries reported $5,368.42 as contributed on the foreign fields; this year missionaries report $89,483.70.

All these things go to show that we have left the day of small things and must come up to the larger opportunities and responsibilities which God has placed upon us.

This is a day of wonderful opportunities on our foreign fields. Never was the world more open to the preaching of the gospel than at the present time. The nations of the far east are slowly putting off heathen customs which have served to bind them to idolatry and are to some extent donning the habits of civilized nations. Many

people in papal countries are disgusted with Catholicism and are ready to accept something better and we owe it to the world to give them the gospel as we have it. Let us gird ourselves for the greatest effort we have ever made in behalf of Foreign Missions.

Let a movement be started so earnest, strenuous, and pervasive that it will reach every member of every church in the Three Forks Association.

We recommend:

1 That all of our people study the subject of Foreign Missions and to this end that they take and read the Foreign Mission Journal and other works on the subject of missions.

2 That all of our churches earnestly consider the question of raising our mission funds in a systematic way so that the money can be sent forward all through the year, thus saving the paying of interest on borrowed money, and furnishing a constant supply of contributions for prosecuting the work.

W. S. Farthing, E. M. Gragg.

It is announced that John Crisp will preach in the grove at 1 P.M.

W. R. Bradshaw spoke at length on the subject of missions.

The hour for preaching at the grove having arrived, the congregation stood and sang "Nearer my God to thee," while spectators retired to hear the sermon.

J. F. Eller continued the discussion on missions, with especial reference to the little that we, the churches of this association are doing for missions. Said somebody is responsible.

W. S. Farthing moved that the roll of churches be called and that churches indicate what amount they will do for misssons.

J. L. Hayes moved to amend by striking out pledges and insert to appoint a Com. to apportion among churches the amount asked for for missions. Amendment prevailed.

Appointment of committee deferred for the present.

Reports on Missions adopted.

Having exhausted the programme for the morning, by unanimous consent passed over to the p. m. programme.

W. Y. Perry, Treas., submits his report.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received for	Orphanage,	$ 79.51
"	State Board	75.11
"	Gospel Missions,	21.96
"	From Minute Fund,	32.96
"	" Ex Treasurer,	2.38
	Total,	$211.92

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Orphanage,	$ 79.43
To Walters Durham for	
Foreign Missions,	39.55
State Missions,	15.01
Home Missions,	14.37
Old Ministers' Relief,	6.16
T. L. Blalock, Gospel Missions,	21.90
Will H. McGuire, for Printing Minutes,	25.46
Smith Hagaman, Clerk of Association,	7.50
Treasurer, for Postage,	—.16
Balance in Treasury,	2.38
Total,	$211.92

W. Y. Perry, Treas.

W. S. Farthing moved to continue W. Y. Perry as Treasurer. Motion prevailed by rising vote.

E. J. Norris reported visiting Ashe Association.

J. H. Farthing visited Watauga association; C. S. Farthing visited Watauga association; the Moderator attended Caldwell Co. and the Mitchell County associations; Smith Hagamen and W. Swift visited the Ashe association. L. C. Wilson attended State Convention.

Committee on Time, Place, &c report next session of this association will convene with Meat Camp church; J. M. Payne to preach the Annual Sermon at the usual time, Tuesday after the 4th Sunday in August, 1914.

A motion prevailed to adjourn to 1 P. M.

Benediction by David Greene.

AFTER NOON, Second Day.

E. J. Norris led in singing "What a friend we have in Jesus."

W. J. Farthing presented his Report on

DIGEST of LETTERS.

We find from the letters from 36 churches that during last year we had 170 baptisms. Received by letter 93. Restored 25.

Lost by letter, 117. Excluded, 48. Death, 43. Membership: Males, 1510. Females, 2222. Total, 3732.

Contributions to various objects are as follows: Pastors Salaries $1,769.47. Building and Repairs, $1,081.60. Incidentals $78.44. Sunday-school expenses $204.70. Poor $131.09. State Missions $91.39. Home Missions $46.72. Foreign Missions $242.46. Orphanage $289.74. Old Ministers' Relief $19.42. Other Objects $177.84. Value of Church Property $21,800. Minutes and Clerk $32.91. S. S. Missions $8.29. Two churches not represented.

D. C. Mast, Ch'n. }
W. J. Farthing, } Com.

Report adopted.

Will H. McGuire and others discussed the propriety of, and nature of what ought to be reported in Report on State of the Churches

W. Y. Perry submits the

REPORT on PASTORAL SUPPORT.

By refering to last year's Report, we find that the average amount paid per member for the preceeding four years, was 43 cents per member. For the last year, we find it to be 52½ cts., again in the last year over the preceeding four years, of 20 percent.

We find that a number of our churches are paying their pastors monthly, which is a very hopeful sign; yet with these hopeful indications we are satisfied that the churches are not fully aroused to their duty as they should be. We are satisfied that the churches, as a rule, are not doing more than one half what they should, and are amply able to do. We would be very glad that some plan could be devised by which our people could be fully aroused to their duty along this line. We believe if our people would adopt a more systematic plan in paying their pastors, the salaries could be greatly increased with more convenience to pastor and people.

Respectfully submitted.

W. Y. Perry, I. E. Duncan, Com.

Bro. Perry spoke to the report at length.

L. A. Wilson spoke of the great need of an awakening in our churches upon this point. Geo. Roten, Wm. Farthing, G. P. Sherrill, Frank Dougherty spoke on Pastoral Support.

The Mod. after calling W. S. Fathing to the chair, discussed Pastoral Support, especially is it right to make a specific contract with a pastor as to his salary, advocating it as scriptural?

John Norris continued the discussion.

Wm. Elrod said I am in favor of having a contract with the pastor as to the amount he shall receive.

Report is adopted.

E. J. Norris submitted the

REPORT on OLD MINISTERS RELIEF.

The object is to aid the needy Baptist of North Carolin and their widows. There are at present near 40 beneficiaries and other applycants. These receive from $40 to $200 a year. Some of them have no meanes of support except the amount they receive from the churches. This should be the desire of every Baptist of the State that not one of these should suffer for the necessaries of life. Therefore we believe it to be the duty of the churches to help support them who have spent their lives in the Masters cause.

L. W. Farthing, G. P. Sherrill, E. J. Norris. Com.

E. J. Norris, G. P. Sherrill and John Norris made short remarks.

Report is adopted.

G. P. Sherrill suggested that a collection be taken for Old Ministers Relief. Amount received, $10.00

J. L. Hayes, W. S. Farthing, J. D. Brown, J. W. Green, Smith

Hagaman were appointed as Committee to apportion Mission work among the churches.

A motion prevailed to have meeting to night for the discussion of the subject: Preparation and work of a pastor from the viewpoint of a layman.

J. J. L. Sherwood made a verbal report as Colportieur.

Report is receieved.

John Norris moved that J. J. L. Sherwood be continued as Colportieur.

Report is received.

A motion prevailed to adjourn to 8:30 tomorrow. Prayer by David Green. Benediction by J. F. Eller.

Thursday Morning.

Prayer by W. S. Farthing. Further devotional exercises were omitted, the time having passed for same

J. H. Farthing presents his

REPORT on SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We find authority for Sunday-schools in God's Word, especially for studying and teaching the Word of the Lord. The fact that a Sunday-school, with good organization, adequate equipment and good teaching is sure to become effective in winning souls for God and in developing them for his service, is proof of God's favor.

The Sunday-school work of our association is hopeful. There seems to be a steady, healthful growth In the last thirty years there seems to have been a decided increase in the number of schools and in the enrollment. Mere numerical growth, however, is not necessarily indicative of success. We find more general interest in the cause than formerly.

Schools are improving their organizations as well as enlarging their membership.

But we find by consulting the minutes of our assocation for 1912 that we have a membership in our churches of 3857 while the enrollment in our Sunday-schools is 2557 including teachers. We would be safe in saying that one half of the enrollment are not church members, then not more than one third of the membership of our churches are engaged in Sunday-school work.

Again we find that out of 35 churches that reported Sund[illegible]hools at the session of 1912 only 18 reported ever-green s[illegible]s. Now we think that a Sunday-school year should incl[illegible] days and that the whole church of the Living God should[illegible]ent for the [illegible] attendance.

In order to make our Sunday-schools more effic[illegible] the next year we would recommend:

1 That our officers and teachers be urged to attend the next session of the Watauga Baptist Sunday-school Convention which convenes with the church at Shulls Mills.

2 That a vigorous campaign be made to enlist more of our church-members and others not reached for the Sunday-school.

3 That our officers and teachers secure literature on the various phases of up-to-date Sunday-school work, and especially that our teachers take and use the Baptist Teacher or some similar publication in the preparation of the lesson and in teaching the same, and that they earnestly study the bible independently of any helps.

4 That more definite plans be made for making our schools evangelistic. They ought to be great soul-saving agencies. We ought to seek to bring every unsaved member of our schools to a saving knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and for that desired end let us all earnestly and devoutly pray.

J. H. Farthing, Com.

J. H. Farthing said our teaching must be less mechanical, and more Spiritual. Teachers must prepare themselves better for the work.

W. S. Farthing said our S.S. teachers should be consecrated to their work and seek aid from every source possible that will help them in their work. Said further, that every teacher ought, by all means, to use the Baptist Teacher.

The Mod. said that the S. S. is for the members of the church, especially, no member of the church ought to fail to go with the children to Sunday-school.

E. J. Norris said he had found the Baptist Teacher a very great aid to him as a teacher. J. F. Eller said it is necessary that our S. S. should have Spirit-filled teachers, as our pulpits must have Spirit-filled ministers. G. P. Sherrill said we must be so well-informed in the Lord's Word that we can use it effectually.

Geo. Roten said my greatest regrets in my work is that we have never had efficient S. S. teachers as we ought to have.

W. Y. Perry said one of our best opportunities for good teachers for the future is to begin right now with the children and keep everlastingly at it. I. C. Miller said our teachers ought to pray more.

Report on Sunday-schools adopted.

L. C. Wilson presents the

REPORT on EDUCATION.

Possibly there never was a time when education meant so much as it does today. And especially is this true in refference to the Baptist. For upon her rests the greatest responsibilities. Unto her much has been given and of her is much required.

This is a day of conquest, when the powers of the world are rising up conquoring and to conquor. A day of rankest heresy. Men deceiving and being deceived. A day when no denomination or church can remain safe and hope for much who disregard the education of her people. That church; that denomination or association that has played with this important subject has only failed in the great work that God has called her to.

There is no question so vital in its bearings to the prosperity of the Baptists as that of education; that of training her people.

Is. said: "Knowledge shall be the stability of thy times and

strength of salvation." We feel the force of this declaration. These burning words must have been uttered for our understanding.

In this day of liberalism and skepticism possibly there never was a time when the Baptist needed this strength more.

The responsibilities resting upon Baptists are stupendouus.

It is not enough to know that Baptists have been the pioneers of Christian education. To know that the first denominational college in America was established and endowed by Baptists. The largest Christian University for men and the leading college for women is owned and controled by Baptists.

The greatest Theological Seminary in the world is within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention and an institution of the Baptists.

In the U. S. the Baptists control nine seminaries; ninety-seven universities and colleges; 106 academies; in all worth over fifty million dollars; attended by 50,000 students and under the management of 27,000 instructors. Of these one half are situated in the territory represented in the Southern Baptist Convention.

No other religious denomination has a record like this.

With pride we call attention to as in the past to Wake Forest College time-honored and great in her work, and which has had more to do possibly in the achievements of the Baptists of the State than any other agency, and which is an inviting opportunity for young men to finish a preparation for their life work.

Also Meredith College an institution of great power where our girls may get training under Baptist influence.

We also note with pleasure the advanced step taken in our public school system and would pledge our united support to them that it may be what it should be.

But many of these things may be far away Your committee would be pleased to impress upon all of our minds the importance of bringing an inspiration to every church and every home the necessities of better training and that christian education which may be had by a more extensive and earnest study of the Bible. The reading of good Baptist literature to the end that our people may have a greater vision of the work that lies before us.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee.

It is announced that —— Carlton preach at 10:30 in the grove.

I. G. Greer said I am opposed to union of church and State, but that we must get behind our public schools because it is the only hope of reaching the masses of the people.

L. C. Wilson spoke with referance to the various features of the report.

W. S. Farthing said, we as Baptist have a right to ask State to give us such laws as we may desire without violating our principles of separation of Church and State.

W. J. Farthing spoke of the importance of a school teacher being a christian. W. Y. Perry continued the discussion of the report.

The Mod. spoke in favor of striking out that part of the report referring to the Appalachian Training school.

A motion prevailed to so strike out. Report as amended adopted.

"O for a closer walk with God" was sung while spectators passed out to hear preaching.

John Norris presented the

REPORT on STATE of the CHURCHES.

The reports of the churches, we think show a small increase in the financial part of our church work; but your Com. is of the opinion that there is a growing laxness in disciplin in many, if not all, of our churches.

The power of a church lies in the kind of its membership, rather than in its number of members.

There must be a distinction between the church and the world, so marked that the world can fully understand it.

The church member who habitually drinks liquor, swears, or engages in other like sins not only brings reproach upon his church but lowers the church in his own estimation if they fail to properly deal with him.

We most earnestly beseech our churches to look more dilligently to this very important part of their work.

Respectfully submitted.

John Norris, Committee.

Bro. Norris spoke to the report.

L. W. Farthing said good government is necessary in all things; but especially in church.

J. F. Eller said our laxness in discipline is growing alarming, reading some selection from the New Testament with reference to disciplin

C. J. Cottrel, J. H. Farthing and W. S. Farthing emphasized the importance of personal work in discipline.

Report is adopted.

G. W. McGuire read the obituary of J. W. Trivett, a minister of the Association.

IN MEMORY of REV. J. W. TRIVETT.

(Died March 16, 1913.)

A rudy drop of manly blood
The surging sea outweighs.

Bro. J. W. Trivett, son of Lazarus Trivett was born in Ashe Co. N. C., about the year 1857 and moved with his father to Western Wataug shortly after the war.

He received his education here from the common country schools.

At about the age 22 he took to himself a wife and helpmeet who preceeded him to the Glory Land.

Bro. Trivett professed Faith in Christ under the preaching of Lenard Buchanon at an early age and united with Beech mountain Baptist church. Soon afterward Bro. Trivett heard the call to enter the

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES	PASTORS.	P. O.	CLERKS & P. O.	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	Seating Capacity	Baptized	Rec by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	No. of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
Antioch	J. H. Farthing	Sugar Grove, N.C.	W.J.Farthing, Wat. Falls.	1	1000	400	7	00	0	3	0	0	67	78	145
Bethel	J. H. Farthing	" "	W.S.Farthing,Sweet Water.	4	500	350	11	2	2	2		1	51	81	132
Beaver Dam	G. W. Trivett	Watauga Falls "	John Sherrill, Reese, N. C.	2	500	400	12		1	2	5	1	61	78	139
Bethany	G. W. Trivett	Watauga Falls	J. L. Triplett, Matney	3	500	225		4		1			22	36	58
Beech Mtn.	R. L. Palmer	Beech Creek	W.C.Church, Dark Ridge	1	500	300	18	7		8	2	2	79	117	196
Boone	J. M. Payne	Boone	W. R. Gragg, Boone.	2&4	300	250	16	12		5	1		49	43	92
Blowing Rock	J. M. Payne	Boone	J.H.Winkler, Blowing Rock	3	1200	300	7	2		7	1	1	44	69	113
Brushy Fork	J. M. Payne	Boone	J. H. Presnell, Vilas	2	1000	500	1	5	2	6	2	1	66	79	145
Cove Creek	J. H. Farthing	Sugar Grove	D. C Mast, Sugar Grove	3	1000	400	2	1	1	2	2	1	41	64	105
Cool Springs	S. L. Fox	Vilas	Q.B.Cannon, Blowing Rock	1	500	250		1		6			47	56	103
Clark's Creek	John Norris	Sugar Grove	Joel Eggers, Banners Elk	1	350	250	5	2		3		1	13	23	36
Elk Valley	G. W. Trivett	Sugar Grove	W.L.Laurance, Hale	1	700	400	13	3	6		1		68	42	110
*Elk Knob	W. H. Mikeal	Sutherland	J. M. South, Tamarack		275	240							31	41	72
Fall Creek	D. A. Greene	Dark Ridge	W. B. Norris, Hale	3	300	250	1	1		1			21	18	39
Forest Grove	L. A. Wilson	Zionville	Millard Hagaman, Vilas	3	800	400	8	1	1	4	6	2	64	93	157
Flat Springs	D. A. Greene	Dark Ridge	A. J. Greene, Whaley	4	400	300		2		4		3	32	27	59
Gap Creek	Asa Brown	McGuire	G. W. Smith, Hopkins	1	550	350				3	1		31	56	87
Howards Creek	L. M. Gragg	Vilas	E. J. Norris, Sands	4	500	300	7	13		2	1	1	18	48	66
Laurel Springs	L. A. Wilson	Zionville	J. M. Younce, Yuma	2	800	450	3	1			2	1	64	104	168
Laurel Knob	C. S. Farthing	Sugar Grove	G. S. Holman, Baldwin	2	500	200		2				1	8	12	20
Meat Camp	L. A. Wilson	Zionville	L. A. Greene, Sands	3	750	400	1	2		3	4	3	53	87	140
Mt. Calvary	J F Eller	Vilas	E F Chapell, Balm	2	800	350					2		37	61	98
Mt. Gilead	D A Greene	Beech Creek	F M Younce, Beech Creek	3			4		1	5	1		38	47	85
Mt. Lebanon	W Swift	Reese	H M Bumgarner, Vilas	1	850	400	4					1	33	59	92

Middle Fork	L C Wilson	Sugar Grove
Pleasant Grove	L A Wilson	Zionville
Pleasant Valley	John Norris	Sugar Grove
Rich Mountain	D M Wheeler	Bamboo
South Fork	C S Farthing	Sugar Grove
Shulls Mills	N S Hampton	Blowing Rock
Sampson	D M Wheeler	Bamboo
Stony Fork	I C Miller	Stony Fork
Three Forks	I C Miller	Stony Fork
Timb'rd Ridge	J F Eller	Vilas
Union	L A Wilson	Zionville
Willow Dale	J J L Sherwood	Vilas
Zionville	J J L Sherwood	Vilas
Zion Hill	W Swift	Reese

A J Shull, Blowing Rock	2	800	300	6	3	1	4		1	36	42	78
J R Isaacs, Mabel	4	400	300	10	3	1	4	4	5	66	119	185
W L Hagie, Elk Park	4	200	200	5	2			3		55	76	131
J M Cornell, Zionville	1	600	200		1		2	1	1	35	45	80
Will H McGuire, Brookside	1	1000	400	3	8	3	14		5	51	75	126
J M Day, Shulls Mills	4	500	400				1		1	11	16	27
S E Harrison, Penley	3			1			2			32	37	69
A A Hamby, Stony Fork	2	400	500	4	1	1	1		2	105	93	198
J C Brown, Boone	3	400	500	6	10		11		2	40	68	108
Wade L Greene, Peoria	1	550	300	4	6		3	3	1	25	41	66
A J Greene, Mabel	1	500	400			2	3	1	3	52	95	147
W E Dugger, Vilas	4	250	250	11	4	1	2			28	32	60
Florence Eller, Zionville	2				4	1	3	2	3	67	87	154
E F Tester, Watauga Falls	3	800		1		1	2	2		32	43	75

ministry and from this time on we find Bro Trivett officiating in this high call from God with fear and trembling, never shunning to declare the whole council of God, never faltering as he held up Baptist doctrine in its purity, till the time when he was touched by the breath of disease, seemingly just in the prime of life was shrouded with the shadows of death.

In these trying hours he submits to the will of God, often desireing to flee away from earth and its sorrows and hurry on to Glory, and as he faintly views Heaven from the dying couch we hear him saying "who's crown is this? Is this Peter? Is this John?"

So in life Bro. Trivett was great, yet we find him greater in death. He bows to the devine decree and sets sail to that port from whose bourne no traveler has ever yet returned.

Smith Hagaman read the

OBITUARY of REV. JACOB G. HAGAMAN.

Rev. Jacob G. Hagaman who departed this life July 22, 1913, at the age of 63, was a man far removed from the ordinary in many respects.

At the age of about 27 he became seriously afflicted with rheumatism and for the remainder of his life, about 36 years, he was a constant sufferer, so much so, that he was confined, almost entirely to his own home.

As a citizen, he was one of the most progressive and public spirited with which any community has ever been favored. No public enterprise, looking to the advancement of the social, educational, or religeous betterment of his community or country failed to receive his hearty cooperation and support.

Being shut in for so many years he became a constant reader of books and papers, especially, those of a religeous character.

The Bible he read, studied and knew as but few men know it.

He kept in close touch with every phase of his denominational life; and every important religeous movement, of the world through the religeous press.

In his last few years he read more than a hundred good books, besides keeping up his reading of a number of the best news and religeous papers.

He loved and labored for his home church with a devotion that puts to shame the man of health and better opportunities.

He was constantly [urging?] his neighbors and their children to provide themselves with plenty of good reading matter.

In order to the better mental and spiritual development of his church, he established a church library at Forest Grove, his home church, furnishing more than half the money, and has left a bequest from $50 to $75 to supplement the same.

He was the most incessant Sunday-school worker we ever knew.

For many years he was rarely able to attend his church meetings, though only a few hundred yards away, but when the hour arrived for preaching he went into his room and during that hour engaged in prayer and worship. He told us that these seasons were some of the most precious of his life.

We measure our words when we say that he was the most thoroughly and intensely missionary of any man in the association. He let no opportunity pass to plead publicly or privately to the cause of missions. He gave one tenth of his income to the cause of Christ, after supplementing it with a "thank offering."

He was always cheerful. He saw the bright side of life. He often said that he knew that all things were working together for his good. He prayed alway. In his last days he seemed to have gotten closer heaven than any man with whom we have ever been acquainten. He seemed to have entered the Holy of Holies.

He said tell everybody that I have never doubted the power of the Christian religion; but I now understand its depths and fullness as never before. How awful, he said, will it be for men to miss heaven when Christ is so near, and thousands of the human race dying everywhere without any knowledge of heaven, and so many pastors and churches of the association asleep to the great work of giving the gospel to the world,— paying no attention to the plain commands of of Christ.

He spent his last hours, when he had grown so weak we could scarcely catch his words, urging us to do our very best for the cause of Missions and to help save our churches to this cause, without which he said no church can live and prosper long.

How his life ought to stir us! Submitted.

W.S. Farthing spoke more particularly of the life of J.G.Hagaman. J.H.Farthing, David Greene, J.F.Eller, C.S.Farthing, John Norris and G.W.Trivett spoke in memory of the two brethren.

Millard Hagaman submitted the

REPORT on FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance reports as follows:

Received for	Minute fund,	$ 34.41
"	State Missions,	10.08
"	Home Missions,	13.66
"	Foreign Missions,	26.61
"	Foreign Missions, (Blalock)	9.65
"	Orphanage,	75.65
"	Ministerial Relief,	1.43
	Total,	$171.49

Wade Green, R. C. Eggers, D. C. Mast, Millard Hagaman, Com.

J. W. Farthing reports on

NOMINATIONS

We your Com. on Nominations recommend the following corres-

FINANCIAL TABLE CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary.	Building & Repairs	Incidentals.	Minute Fund.	The Poor	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Aged Ministers	Other Obejects	Total.
Antioch	48.00	.	.	1.00	00.00	00.00	.	1.45	1.55	0.00	00.00	52.00
Bethel	58.98			1.50		10.61	11.09	17.32	10.00			140.23
Beaver Dam	124.50		20.33	1.00		25.82		98.59	8.61	6.05		283.90
Bethany	30.55			.45				2.50	2.06			35.56
Beech Mtn.	47.90			1.15					2.71		24.00	75.76
Boone		3.15		1.50		18.06	5.52	8.27	7.66			39.96
Blowing Rock	150.00			1.50		11.00	2.00	10.00	16.00		14.00	177.50
Brushy Fork	78.60	57.20		1.30	25.00			7.14	12.77			182.01
Cove Creek	94.91	90.00	3.00	1.00	10.00	4.72		17.23	17.19	5.40	22.59	286.00
Cool Springs	50.00			1.00					1.52			52.52
Clark's Creek				.50					2.05			2.55
Elk Valley	40.45			1.05				1.00	1.25			43.75
Fall Creek	27.00			.40	10.00				5.05			43.00
Forest Grove	61.79		.56	1.20		15.79	15.44	30.79	30.19		29.13	203.14
Flat Springs	26.86			.40				1.00	2.00			30.20
Gap Creek	24.00	1.50		1.00					2.20		4.60	33.30
Howards Creek	34.46		15.80	.75					2.05			54.43
Laurel Springs	45.00			1.60			2.66	2.66	5.97			57.89
Laurel Knob	20.00	45.00		.50								65.50
Meat Camp	51.31			1.30		3.01	1.95		2.13		19.00	89 92
Mt. Calvary	65.72			.65	9.38	4.08	1.61	2.80	2.40	1.43		88.07
Mt. Gillead	25.75	800.00		.54	9.03				5.00			849.62
Mt. Lebanon	33.09	50.00		.75					1.00			89.11

Middle Fork	58.65			1.10									73.08
Pleasant Grove	85.50		24.80	.91	46.99	1.41		2.68	42.00	1.68			215.09
Pleasant Valley	62.25			1.00				2.10	3.80				74.40
Rich Mountain	20.00			.50			1.50	1.50	2.00				26.50
South Fork	32.00			.60		1.50	.90	3.15	13.07		10.00		63.72
Shulls Mills	15.00			.55	1.25				2.96				19.76
Sampson	19.70			.50					1 00				21.20
Stony Fork	40.00			1.50	17.39	1.32	1.30	1.30	5 00		56 95		127.78
Three Forks	67.50		10 00	1 25		5 75	4 75	6 25	14 50		16 00		132.00
Timb'rd Ridge	50.00	34 75		1 00		3 52		2 85	15 41	1 61	8 73		135.47
Union	55.34		4 75	55	2 75			1 90	5 49				106.23
Willow Dale	55.10			.76				5 41	8 50	2 00	4 00		80.69
Zionville	92.30			2.00	5 05			8 65	5 00		11 60		124.70
Zion Hill	16 05			65					1 91				18.61

Forest Grove pays $1.25 for Ministerial Education. Timbered Ridge pays $3 37, and Willow Dale $4 92 for S S Missions, included in above agregates

pondents:

To Stony Fork Association,— Elders J. F. Eller, John Crisp, C. S. Farthing, and Brethren A. J. Shull, G. W. Rowe.

To Ashe Asso.— E. J. Norris, L. Whitfield Farthing, Elds. J. F. Eller, G. W. Trivett, Asa Brown.

To Caldwell Co. Asso.— Elders L. C. Wilson, J. J. L. Sherwood, Brethren W. S. Farthing, C. J. Cottrell, L. N. Perkins.

To Watauga Asso.— Elders J. H. Farthing, L. C. Wilson, Wellington Swift, Lewis W. Farthing.

To Mitchell Co. Asso.— Elders D. A. Greene, G. W. Trivett, L. Whitfield Farthing.

To Avery Co. Association,— Elder D. A. Greene.

To Southern Baptist Convention,— Prof. I. G. Greer.

To Baptist State Convention,— Elders L. C. Wilson, I. C. Miller J. M. Payne.

Member of State Mission Board,— W. S. Farthing.

Associational Vice President Foreign Mission Board,— Smith Hagaman.

Sunday School Secretary for Three Forks Association, W. Y. Perry

W. J. Farthing, C. J. Cottrell, L. E. Leach, Com.

Report is adopted.

Wm. Elrod offered the following

RESOLUTION.

Resolved 1st That the sincere thanks of this body be extended to the brethren, sisters, and friends of Cove Creek church and surrounding vicinity for their hospitality and kindness manifested toward us during this session.

Resolved 2nd That we tender the gratitude of this body to W. R. Bradshaw and others for the respect that they give this body.

Wm. Elrod, A. J. Shull, Com.

Committees are announced for 1914. [List appears further on.]

W. S. Farthing moved that the Clerk be authorized to superintend the printing and distribution of Minutes, and that he be allowed his usual fee, $7.50 for same.

The Moderator, as Chm. of the Com. to investigate the matter of Mast Seminary, reported nothing done. N L Mast made a statement with reference to his school property, offering his property for Baptist school purposes.

C. S. Farthing moved to continue the Trustees with instructions to take up the matter independently of the Home Mission Board, if necessary, and wise in their judgement. Motion prevailed.

A motion prevailed to adjourn to time and place.

The Moderator was asked to conduct the closing exercises. After repeating xxiii Psalm from memory, commenting on same, prayer was offered by C. S. Farthing. How firm a foundation was sung.

Benediction by John Crisp.

J. J. L. Sherwood, Mod.

Smith Hagaman, Clerk.

Officers of the Association.

Moderator,	J. J. L. Sherwood,	Vilas,	N. C.
Clerk,	Smith Hagaman,	"	"
Historian,	J. C. Horton,	Boone,	"
Colporteur,	J. J. L. Sherwood,	Vilas,	"
Treasurer,	W. Y. Perry,	"	"

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:
J. C. Horton, Smith Hagaman, J. H. Mast, L. N. Perkins, W. C. Coffey.

Associational Vice President Foreign Mission Board: Smith Hagaman.

Sunday School Secretary, Three Forks Association: W. Y. Perry.

Ordained Ministers

G W Trivett,	Sugar Grove, N.C.	C S Farthing,	Sugar Grove, N.C.
L C Wilson,	" "	S L Fox,	Vilas, "
C C Miller,	Stony Fork,	J M Payne,	Boone, "
W M Cannon,	Elk Park,	L A Wilson,	Zionville, "
John Crisp,	Lenoir,	W H Mikeal,	Sutherland, "
H Farthing,	Sweet Water,	John Norris,	Sugar Grove, "
J L Sherwood,	Vilas,	J F Eller,	Vilas, "
Wellington Swift,	Reese,	Asa Brown,	Riverside, "
James Bradshaw,	Blowing Rock,	D A Greene,	Whaley, "
J McGinnis,	Vilas,	E M Gragg,	Boone, "

APPENDIX,— WOMAN'S WORK.

Meeting of the women for the purpose of organizing a Womas's Missionary Union in the Three Forks Association. Rose Edna Brown Vice Pres. of the work in the asso. conducting the meeting.

After singing "There is a fountain filled winh blood," Mr. Smith Hagaman opened the meeting reading a scripture lesson and prayer.

Rosedna Brown spoke to the women explaining fully The Woman's Missionary Union from the organization of the State, to the individual society.

Miss Purnell, from Boone, gave some very helpful and useful suggestions, after which Mrs. Swift Fuller read the Constitution and By-laws for Associational Union. After some discussions by the ladies, it was moved and seconded that the women of Three Forks asso. adopt this Constitution; Rose E. Brown serving as Pres. and Miss Hattie Swift elected to serve as Sec.

Much interest was taken in the meeting. Two churches reported as being ready now for a Woman's Missionary Society in their churches. The meeting adjourned to meet again at the next session of the associational meeting in 1914.

Hattie Swift, Sec. Rose E. Brown, Pres.

Sunday School Table

CHURCHES	SUPT.	P. O.	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Total Enrollment	Months Kept Open	Average Attendance	Number of Baptisms	Contributions for Missions Orphanage &c	School Expenses	Total Contributions
Antioch	W. J. Farthing,	Watauga Falls, N. C.	5	52	57	6	50	0	00.00	2.00	2.00
Bethel	W. S. Farthing	Sweet Water, "	7	90	97	12	48	9		6.34	6.34
Beaver Dam	J. R. Eggers	Reese, "	7	90	97	12	70	9	12.00	10.00	22.00
Bethany	L. M. Farthing	Hackett,	6	47	53	12	34		.36	2.36	2.72
Beech Mtn.	T. F. Cook, Sr.	Whaley,	6		56	6	35	18		1.50	1.50
Boone	D. D. Dougherty	Boone	5	85	90	12	60		28.65	13.19	41.84
Blowing Rock	H. S. Deal	Blowing Rock	9	115	124	12	67	6			
Brushy Fork	J. L. Hayes	Vilas	6	75	81	12	46		2.67	6.34	9.01
Cove Creek	W. Y. Perry	Vilas	10	130	140	12	60			24.00	24.00
Cool Springs	J. M. Elrod	Blowing Rock			59	6	34		2.61	2.25	4.86
Clark's Creek	J. W. Byrd	Banners Elk	3	30	33	12	25	5		1.50	1.50
Elk Valley	T. W. Yates	Banners Elk	6	56	62	9	62			4.00	4.00
Fall Creek	W. B. Norris	Hale	5	30	35	6	28			.55	.55
Forest Grove	Charles Culver	Vilas,	9	135	144	12	74	8	23.42	17.00	40.42
Flat Springs	D. L. Greene	Whaley,	6	50	56	6	38			2.00	2.00
Gap Creek	G. W. Smith	Hopkins	5	56	61	6	50			2.10	2.10
Howards Creek	E. J. Norris,	Sands,	5	57	62	8	30			1.37	1.37
Laurel Springs	H. L. Greene	Hopkins	5	80	85	9	39			3.02	3.02
Laurel Knob	G. S. Holman	Baldwin,	8	62	70	12	50			4.25	4.25
Meat Camp	J. L. Norris	Sands	5		40	12	30	1	5.12	5.00	10.12
Mt. Calvary	R. E. Smith	Balm	6	50	56	12	45		7.00	5.50	12.50
Mt. Gillead	W. C. Eller	Beech Creek	11	95	106	6	61			3.30	3.30
Mt. Lebanon	P. E. Herman	Vilas	6	82	88	12	45			4.27	4.27

Middle Fork	Wm. Elrod	Blowing Rock,	"	7	66	73	12	36		8.00	6.43	14.43
Pleasant Grove	J. R. Isaacs	Mabel		9	109	118	12	85	8		9.20	9.20
Pleasant Valley	Lillie Gray	Elk Park		6	46	52	6	40			5.00	5 00
Rich Mountain	R. L. Barnes	Zionville		6	60	66	12	36			1 00	1.00
South Fork	J. S. Brown	Riverside		8	55	63	7	36	2	10.80	2.50	13.30
Shulls Mills	J. M. Day	Shulls Mills		5	40	45	12	30		.40	1 45	1 85
Stony Fork	Greene Miller	Stony Fork		11	135	146	6	78			4.52	4.52
Three Forks	L. N. Perkins	Boone,		7	60	67	9	40		9.00	6.50	15 50
Timb'rd Ridge	W. H. Eller	Leander		6	76	82	12	45		7.67	14.23	21.90
Union	A. J. Greene	Mabel		9	100	109	12	63			6 72	6 72
Willow Dale	J. W. Blair	Vilas		7	69	76	12	50		13.42	12.12	25.54
Zionville	Roby Eggers	Zionville		7		60	12	65			10 00	10 00
Zion Hill	E. F. Tester	Watauga Falls		6	50	56	6	35		1.91		1 91

ROLL OF MESSENGERS.

Antioch, L. W. Farthing W. H. Glenn, W. S. Farthing.
Bethel, E J Farthing, H H Farthing, W S Farthing.
Beaver am, G P Sherrill, W J Hagaman, Lee Swift.
Bethany, J E Maston, L J Mikeal.
Beech Mountain, G W McGuire, T F Cook.
Boone, John W Hodges, I G Greer, W R Gragg.
Blowing Rock, J D Brown, J M Hodge.
Brushy Fork, J L Hayes, T L Mast.
Cove Creek, W Y Perry, W F Horton, D C Mast.
Cool Springs, W S Penley.
Clarks Creek, Joel Eggers, L A Laurance, Wilson Townson.
Elk Valley, Abner Baliff, J C Blair.
Fall Creek, J R Gryder, W B Norris, Roby Oaks.
Forest Grove, Charlie Culver, Smith Hagaman, Millard Hagaman
Flat Springs, R T Greene, J C Greene.
Gap Creek, John Watson, A R Yates.
Howards Creek, E J Norris.
Laurel Springs, Wm Brown, Albert Watson.
Laurel Knob, F. N Stephens.
Meat Camp, Leonard Wilson, Wilby Greene.
Mt. Calvary, E F Chapel.
Mt. Gillead, T M Stanberry, R L Phillips.
Mt. Lebanon, John Greene, S W Row.
Middle Fork, Wm Elrod, T F Greer, A J Shull.
Pleasant Grove, John Eggers, L S Pennell, J. R. Isaacs.
Pleasant Valley, J L Oaks.
Rich Mountain, Richard Norris, L E Beech, R L Barnes.
South Fork, Will H McGuire, J S Brown, I E Duncan.
Shulls Mills, J M Day, J S Reed.
Stony Fork, G L Payne.
Three Forks, C J Cottrell, A J Edminston, L N Perkins.
Timbered Ridge, W H Eller, J Y Smitherman, Wade L Greene.
Union, J F Oliver, D F Warren.
Willow Dale, W E Dugger, W F Parker, David Fox.
Zionville, Geo Roten, Roby Eggers.
Zion Hill, E F Tester, E T Presnell.

Committees for 1914.

State Missions,— L. N. Perkins, W. Y. Perry.
Home Missions— Will H. McGuire, D. F. Horton.
Foreign Missions— J. M. Payne, D. D. Dougherty.
Education— T. P. Adams, Millard Hagaman.
Pastoral Support— Smith Hagaman, E. J. Norris.
Temperance— G. P. Sherrill, R. S. Roten.
Orphanage— Charles Mast, E J. Farthing.
Sunday Schools— W. S. Farthing, John Norris.
Books and Periodicals— Wm. Elrod, John Eller.
Ministerial Relief— L. W. Farthing, L. C. Wilson.
Resolutions— George Roten, Ira Duncan.
Order of Business— Smith Hagaman, W. S. Farthing.
State of Churches— Geo. W. Trivett and David Green.

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MINUTES

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Seventy-Fourth Anniversary

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THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

MEAT CAMP BAPTIST CHURCH,

WATAUGA CO., N. C.,

August 25—27,

1914.

Next Session to be held with Zionville Church, 13 miles N. W. of Boone, beginning Tuesday after the 4th Sunday in August 1915;

L. A. Wilson to preach the Annual Sermon.

Will H. McGuire, Printer, Brookside, N. C.

MINUTES
—OF THE—
Three Forks Baptist Association:
74th annual session.

MEAT CAMP BAPTIST CHURCH,
Watauga Co., N. C., August 25, 1914.

THE Three Forks Baptist Association convened this day in 74th annual session, in the house of worship of Meat Camp Church.

Thomas Vandyke led the choir in singing a number of selections of new music.

At 11 a. m. J. M. Payne read a part of the 16th chapter of John. At the concluding of the reading, J. J. L. Sherwood led in prayer, after which the congregation stood and sang "How firm a foundation." After the singing, Bro. Payne proceeded to preach the Annual Sermon, using as his text Rom. 1: 14, laying special emphasis upon the thought of our being indebted to God and the world, and our obligation to pay the same.

Prayer at the conclusion of the sermon by W. R. Bradshaw.

After a song, benediction by John Crisp.

The Moderator announced an adjournment of one hour.

FIRST DAY, — AFTERNOON.

After dinner being served on the grounds, Thos. Vandyke led the choir in song.

The Moderator, after some remarks relative to the goodness of God during the year past, requested J. F. Eller to lead in prayer.

Letters from the churches were presented, & read by W. Y. Perry and Millard Hagaman. Thirty-one churches reported.

The Mod. appointed David Green and Lee Fox to preach at the pulpit in the grove at this hour,

John Norris moved that W. R. Bradshaw cast the ballot of the association for the present encumbents, — J. J. L. Sherwood Moderator, and Smith Hagaman Clerk. The ballot was so cast.

The Clerk read the report on Order of Business. Order adopted.

W. R. Bradshaw announced himself as representing State Mission work, Thos. Miller visitor from Stony Fork association, and F. B. Hamrick representing Baptist Orphanage, the Mod. extending to each of them the hand of welcome in behalf of the association.

The following Committees were appointed:

Time and Place— Geo. Roten, James Presnell, G. W. McGuire, and L. N. Perkins.

On Preaching - L. A. Wilson, and Deacons of this church.

Finance— W. T. Vandyke, W. S. Farthing, and Wm. Elrod.
Obituaries— C. S. Farthing and C. J. Cottrell.
Digest of Letters— Will H. McGuire and W. Y. Perry.

Wm. Elrod read the Report on

PERIODICALS.

The knowledge that we have is largely gained by reading. Then it is highly important that we be very careful in what we read. The young people who read the writings of infidels may become infidels themselves. All trashy and cheap story papers should be taken out of the home, and their place filled with good sound literature, and religious papers, such as The Biblical Recorder, The Baptist and Reflector, Home Field, The Foreign Mission Journal, and other reliable religious or educational journals. Also, religious books of sound authority should be read by all.

But all of these are insignificant to the Bible, and we advise a more careful reading and study of this great book, as it stands paramount to all other literature and books.

Wm. Elrod, J. F. Eller, Committe .

Wm. Elrod said with reference to the report, We find a large amount of very light and trashy literature in ve y many of our homes.

W. R. Bradshaw said we can't do much with a people that won't read, and further, spoke with special reference to the importance of reading the Biblical Recorder.

W. C. Coffey moved that the name of Charity and Children be added to the report. Amendment accepted.

L. C. Wilson spoke with reference to Charity and Children. and further urges the people to read these denominational papers.

J. F. Eller pleads for our people to read the Recorder, also that each church have a club of Charity and Children.

F. B. Hamrick spoke in behalf of the reading of the Recorder and its cheapness of price, as compared with the denominational papers of other States.

W. S. Farthing spoke of the damaging effects of bad literature.

H. H. Farthing said he had been reading the Recorder for many years, and further, there is no other paper equal to the Recorder for North Carolina Bastist.

The Moderator said it is a fact that the matter we read very largely determines what we are to be; and that he would not take any paper that publishes "Pastor" Russell's sermons.

John Norris said bad literature is easy to get— often free.

Report on Prriodicals is adopted.

R. S. Roten submitted the following

REPORT on TEMPERANCE.

The cause of Temperance should interest every Christian, the world over. It does seem that the County, State, and Nation, are more temperate now than a year ago, for there are a great many

counties and States that have voted liquor out entirely, especially where the women vote. The seizure act, and the Webb Bill have done much for us along the line of buying and selling, but when we get public sentiment in our homes and in our county and State to such an extent that our people will demand temperate men in office to make our laws, then it is that we will have the power and right to stop the greater part of making and selling liquor. We have reached a time in our history that it is unpopular to use liquor and that the liquor business is no longer a respectable business. We are proud that we are advancing along the line of temperance, but let us press the cause forward, and let us keep up the spirit of sentiment against the curse of liquor, and lets demand that the laws regarding liquor be enforced, and that our churches will do their part in this matter, which we feel sure every true Baptist will and should do. Respectfully submitted.

R. S. Roten, G. P. Sherrill, Com.

J. F. Eller moved the adoption of the report.

G. P. Sherrill said: I believe temperance has made progress, but I feel that we of this county have not made the progress we should have made during the last year. There is being ordered a great deal of liquor in this country, and we need more action.

W. R. Bradshaw spoke of our general progress along prohibition lines, and said we will have national prohibition is the near future.

John Norris said we must have national prohibition to give us the relief needed. Report adopted.

L. A. Greene reports W. R. Bradshaw to preach at 11 a. m., and J. H. Farthing at 2 p. m. tomorrow.

L. A. Greene of the Com. on Hospitality, announced homes for the Messengers during the session. Benediction by C. S. Farthing.

Wednesday Morning.

W. T. Vandyke led the song service. At 8: 30 W. R. Bradshaw read from Hebrews 12th chapter and commented on the same.

Prayer was offered by J. H. Farthing leading.

Bro. Bradshaw proceeded to give some evidences of growth in in grace. A song at the conclusion of Bro. Bradshaw's talk.

The association was called to order at 9 a. m.

After reading of minutes, at the request of W. S. Farthing, Millard Hagaman was added to the Committee on Finance.

W. S. Farthing, W. H. Eller, and H. H. Greene, were appointed a Committee on Nominations.

Roll of Messengers called.

J. F. Eller moved that Carrol Greene be seated as a messenger from Timbered Ridge church.

L. W. Farthing moved that a Committee be appointed on Queries. L. W. Farthing, L. C. Wilson, and Wm. Elrod were appointed.

F. B. Hamrick read the Report on

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The care of the unfortunate is a natural and fundamental expression of Christianity. Jesus was in his ministry what he would have us be. He emphasized things fundamental and cast the program for all ages. He glorified childhood and so related his gospel to the physical wants of life that we cannot hope to save the soul unless we also provide for the body.

So far Orphanage work has been the principal form of our benevolence, largely because it has been showing the most tangible results. It has been said by some that it is necessary only to let the people know the needs of the Orphanage and they will be supplied. The coming year will show whether this is true or not. With only four hundred and thirty children we have fallen behind.

Children are already being received at the Kennedy Home. Within a short while there will be more than fifty children there. The Miles Durham nursery for very small children, at Thomasville, will be completed before the winter months. If this is filled with children, and provide for those that are being received at the Kennedy Home the current expenses must be increased $10,000 over last year. It means that we must increase our contributions to this most worthy and needy cause at least 25 per cent. Will this association not go on record favoring this additional increase?

Among N. C. Baptists nothing has so enlisted men and women in the work of the kingdom as the Orphanage work. It has been the agency for the promotion of harmony, liberality, and consecration. Thus in the larger work of the kingdom the little child is the leader.

Since the reception of the first child, Nov. 11, 1885, 1516 have been enrolled and the present number is 430, with about 500 by the end of the year. Average cost per child is $107.64 a year. The health record of the children for the past year has been remarkable, there being no deaths and few cases of serious illness.

Large and valuable additions are being made to the plant at Thomasville. A modern dairy barn has been completed. This department of our work along with the various other industrial features are to be emphasized. A splendid auditorinm will be completed within a year. The erection of this important and greatly needed building was made possible by the bequest of the late Dr. S. W. Little of Davie County, whose honored name it will bear. Three new school rooms have been added with improvements on the old school building. A tenth grade has been put in the school course for the purpose of givingthose who leave us a better preparation for life's struggle

We would again urge and recommend: 1, That every S. school set aside one Sunday in each month as Orphanage day; 2, A club of

Charity & Children in each Sunday school and an individual copy to pastors and all homes that are not represented in the Sunday school; 3, A liberal Thanksgiving offering emphasizing the importance of "WORK DAY," giving not less than one day's work to Orphanage We would suggest that in many churches it is best to select a Sunday nearest Thanksgiving day to hold this special service. This can be done to advantage on country fields.

Finally brethren let us constantly keep in mind the appeal of the LARGER ORPHANAGE and remember as we save the child we not only save the State but we save ourselves and in doing this we find our greatest happiness. Respectfully submitted.

D. C. Mast, F. B. Hamrick.

W. S. Farthing moved to adopt the report.

D. C. Mast said we certainly must make the 25 per cent. advance this year in our orphanage contributions asked for.

F. B. Hamrick spoke to the report in general.

W. S. Farthing said we should carry more business into our religious work as well as more religion into our business.

John Norris, G. P. Sherrill, and L. C. Wilson spoke briefly to the report. The Mod. continued the discussion, urging the Bible plan of laying by in store on the first day of the week.

Letters presented at this hour from four churches were upon motion of W. S. Farthing, referred to Com. on Digest of Letters without reading.

W. S. Farthing moved that a Com. be appointed on Woman's Work. Smith Hagaman and J. H. Farthing were appointed Com.

W. Y. Perry read the report on

STATE MISSIONS.

In writing this report we have aimed at two things:

First, some things that State Missions have accomplished.

The Baptist State Convention was organized in 1830. In that year $220,62 was paid for State Missions. Last year the Baptists of N. C. paid for State Missions $50,421.68. The expense was $3.738.69, or 7 .4 per cent.

No tabulated reports of the work were kept until 1880. The reports for the last 34 years show that the missionaries baptized 42, 148 persons; organized 530 churches; completed 415 houses of worship.

It is a fact that our most efficient churches are those organized by the aid of State Missions. At least two-thirds of the money given for missions, is given by these churches.

Many of our most useful men have been led to Christ by the missionaries; many a community has been transformed by the influence of State missions; children who were running wild have been brought to the Sunday school, and hundreds of them have given their hearts to Jesus.

Second, The things that are to be accomplished:

The things which remain to be done are the development of the West, and the evangelization of the East. Our greatest destitution is in the East. There are twenty counties in the East which contain only one Baptist in every thirty- eight of the population, while for the State at large, one of every six of her citizens is a Baptist. (This applies to the white race only.)

The piedmont section is a rapidly growing manufacturing section, and this is our supreme hour for planting our cause in that fertile region.

The West is rapidly catching spirit of progress, and our efforts must not be diminished or we will lose our strong hold.

The last census brought out the fact that in 7 states the Roman Catholics made greater gains than the Protestants, and North Carolina is one of those states! Will Three Forks association heed the warning? Let this be our battle cry, "North Carolina and the world for Jesus."

L. N. Perkins,
W. Y. Perry, } Com.

Will H. McGuire read the report on

HOME MISSIONS.

The work of the Home Mission Board is one of tremendous and far-reaching importance, both in the advancement of the Kingdom, and in the personal interests of the Southern people.

Its aim is to reach the destitute places in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, Cuba, and Panama.

The plan of work of the Board is to operate through the organization and equipment of special departments, some of which follow:

Enlistment and co-operation,— is the expression of the Board's purpose to work for the training and enlistment of backward and needy churches, awakening their denominational and Christian consciences to the importance of greater effort for their own spiritual advancement, and giving the gospel to destitute people around them

Mountain Schools,—to give opportunity to many mountain boys and girls, who otherwise would fail to obtain an education, many of whom will later go out into the world, a great power for good.

Evangelism.—This department sends out evangelists to preach to weak churches, and work in the slums, and in the backwoods districts in the country.

Cuba, and the Canal Zone.—These places are receiving the attention of the Board, and it seems especially important that earnest work be done in the Canal Zone to create a pure Christian atmosphere for the benefit of the rough and wayward class of wanderers who constantly pass through the canal.

The Negro.—This department is important from the fact that the Negro is in the South, and likely to remain there. The majority of Southern Negroes are Baptists, and need only our help to develop them into a great body of Baptist Christians.

The Indians of Oklahoma are receiving the attention of the Board and work is being done to Christianize them.

In addition to the above, the Board is doing considerable work

in the cities, and in publishing many useful tracts which may be obtained free for the asking.

In view of the great work briefly outlined above, does any Baptist man or woman need to be told what his or her duty is in regard to helping push this great enterprise? Have we done what we could? and if not, why did we not? Let us each consider where the great weight of responsibility rests, and make a greater effort to discharge our duty toward the Home Mission work.

Will H. McGuire, Com.

The Clerk read for the committee the report on

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The duty of giving the gospel to all the world is binding not only on the church, but also on the individual Christian. The command to go is given in Matt. 28: 19-20, with the assurance of all needed help, and in Luke 24: 47, and in Acts 1: 7-8 we have directions as to the message and where to begin, and the power to accomplish the work required. To fully obey this command, we must lay upon the alter not only ourselves, and our children, but also our possessions.

To neglect or refuse to carry out this command is attended with peril not only to the happiness and usefulness of those sent, but to the salvation of those to whom we are sent, as in the case of Jonah.

We therefore urge the members of the Three Forks association to read, pray, and study the word of God, and go and give as the Lord has prospered you.

J. M. Payne, Chm'n.

W. R. Bradshaw read from Mal. concerning robing God, and proceeded to discuss missions in an earnest speech of length.

Reports on Missions adopted.

W. S. Farthing moved that the roll of churches be called, and that the messengers indicate what amount their respective chnrches will try to raise for missions during the year.

The following amounts are indicated:

Antioch $10, Bethel $50, Beaver Dam $75, Bethany $5, Boone $32, Blowing Rock 15, Brushy Fork 12 col., Cove Creek $50 Cool Springs 8, Fall Creek $2, Forest Grove $60, Gap Creek 2 col., Howards Creek $5, Laurel Springs 3 col., Laurel Knob $6 Meat Camp 3 col., Mt Gillead 12 col., Mt Lebanon 3 col., Middle Fork $15, Pleasant Grove 3 col., Rich Mountain $5, South Fork $10, Shulls Mills 3 col., Stony Fork $15, Three Forks $25 Timbered Ridge $20, Union 3 col., Zionville $15 Flat Springs $6.

Total Pledges, $429. Collections, 44.

L. N. Perkins reports on

TIME and PLACE.

Time, Tuesday after the 4th Sunday in Aug. 1915; place, Zionville, L. A. Wilson to preach the Annual Sermon, J. F. Eller, alternate.

The Clerk read the report on

PASTORAL SUPPORT.

The relation of church and pastor is one of, at least, an implied agreement. A church in its call to a pastor, virtually solemnly agrees to give him their moral and financial s pport according to their ability. The pastor in accepting, virtually, solemnly agrees to give himself to those various duties of a pastor.

If, after the pastor has given himself unreservedly to the many arduous duties of the pastorate the church fails to perform its part of this sacred obligation, that church could be guilty of no greater breach of sacred trust; and, if after, a church gives an adequate support to its pastor for the time agreed on he should give himself entirely to his own business to the neglect of preparation and pastoral work he would be equally guilty of as great a sin.

We are sure that to fully comply with the Divine arrangement, a pastor should give himself wholly to these things, and the churches should see to it that his support should be ample to enable him to do so.

What would constitute a support would depend entirely upon the amount of time and money the pastor gives to the work.

To be prepared to be the leader that God and his people expect him to be, he must devote much time to study. He must have books and papers to help him in his study, and keep him informed. This will require a considerable out lay of money.

He must visit the sick, bury the dead, and go among his membership, help, encourage and inform them. This will take much time.

The church must enable its pastor to do these things and then require it of him, else both church and pastor will suffer.

No church should fail to pay its pastor every month. This is much better for the pastor, and equally better for the church.

Respectfully submitted,
Smith Hagaman, E. J. Norris, Com.

J. F. Spainhour announced himself a visitor from Catawba River Association; also, D. O. Ray from Caldwell Co. Association.

J. F. Spainhour spoke with reference to the report. Suggests that each pastor make it a rule to take a collection each month.

W. S. Farthing spoke of the moral support to be given the pastor, as so necessary. Report adopted.

John Norris moved to take a recess for one hour.

Benediction by J. H. Farthing.

AFTERNOON.

After a recess of one hour the association reassembled at 1 p. m. A song led by W. T. Vandyke.

The Clerk read the report on

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY WORK.

About a year and a half ago I was appointed by the State Central Committee as vice Pres of the work of the W. M. U. in Three Forks asso. Up to that time no organized work had been attempted among our women and children. Last year at Cove Creek we held

our first regular meeting and organized an associational union. As yet, we have only three Woman's Societies and two Sunbeam Bands with a membership of 116. Hence our first duty is to try to interest and enlist the women and children, but before we can reach the women and children we must have the approval and support of the pastors.

Perhaps some of you are not familiar with or do not understand just what is meant by "Woman's Work."

In the early fifties, the Foreign Missionaries realized that they were working in vain to cleanse the stream while the Fountain remained impure and there was a call for women missionaries who could go into the secluded homes of the Chinese and other Nations and reach the women and through them the children

As the distressing conditions and terrible needs of these benighted women and children began to be known in the homeland consecrated women, here and there, banded themselves together in small groups or societies to seek to know and try to relieve this need. Then they began to teach the children and train the young people. Out of this little beginning, under divine guidance and blessing, has grown the many strong Missionary Unions of the various denominations all over the U. S. among them our own W. M. U. Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention composed of children junior boys and girls young women and older women through out our Southland, who are regularly studying, praying and going that the name of Jesus may be known and loved to the uttermost parts of the earth. As Baptist women and children (in the Three Forks asso.) we want to have a part in this great work and we earnestly desire the co-operation, encouragement, and prayers of this body in our "Woman's Meeting" today and in all of our efforts to reach the great number of our womenwho have not yet caught a clear vision of a lost world and have not realized that "the Lord hath need of them"

Rose Edna Brown, Pres.

On motion the work is approved, and the report is adopted.

The association stood and sang "When I can read my title clear" while the women passed out of the house to attend a Woman's Missionary Meeting at the pulpit in the grove.

J. H. Farthing moved that the Report on State of Churches be passed over for the present session.

L. C. Wilson read the report on

OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF.

The object of this report is to call our attention again to those of our brethren whohave done their work and only waiting for the summons to call them home. Some of them have no means of support except the amount they receive from the churches. It should be the pride and ambition of every Baptist of the State that not one of these should suffer for the necesaries of life.

Your committee would insist that every church get this subject upon the hearts of their people, and that they may be provided for the necessaries of life. Respectfully submitted,

L. W. Farthing, L. C. Wilson, Com.

L. W. Farthing, L. C. Wilson, F. B. Hamrick, and W. R. Bradshaw urge that the churches do not neglect to aid this cause.

G. P. Sherrill suggests a collection for Bro. John Crisp who is present and also a beneficiary of the Old Ministers Relief Board. Amount collected $5.55. Report adopted

The Com. on preaching announce that J. F. Eller preach tomorrow at 11 a. m.

W. Y. Perry, Treasurer, reports as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received for Orphanage,	$ 91.21
" " State Board,	98.16
" " Gospel Missions,	37.20
" " John Crisp,	10.00
" " From Minute Fund,	34.91
" " In Treasurer's hands from 1913,	2.38
Total,	$273.86

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Orphanage,	$ 90.36
" John Crisp,	10.00
" Walters Durham for	
" Foreigh Missions,	57.79
" State Missions,	16.30
" Home "	21.06
" Old Ministers' Relief,	2.93
" T. L. Blalock, Gospel Missions,	37.20
" Will H. McGuire printing & mailing Minutes,	27.40
" Smith Hagaman, Clerk of association,	7.50
" Treasurer for Postage,	.62
" Balance in Treasury,	2.52
Total,	$273.86

W. Y. Perry, Treasurer.

J. F. Eller moved to adopt the report.

John Crisp expresses gratitude for the contribution made for him.

John Norris moved that W. Y. Perry be continued as Treasurer of this association. Motion prevailed.

A motion prevailed to adjourn.

"I love thy kingdom, Lord" was sung. Prayer by F. B. Hamrick.

Thursday Morning.

After a short song service, G. P. Sherrill read 19 verses of the 9th chap. of Daniel. C. S. Farthing led in prayer, followed by another prayer by George Roten.

Association was called to order at 9: 15.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

W. S. Farthing read the following Report on

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We are pleased to note the progress in the Sunday-school work of

this Association.

By reference to the minutes of 1913, we find that all the churches save two reported Sunday-schools, but we hope those two had schools and the clerks failed to report them.

Twenty-one churches reported ever-green Sunday schools, and there is evidence of an increase in attendance and better teaching.

But we should not be satisfied with present attainments. There is still plenty of room for improvement in all the details of the work. We need a more consecrated and better informed teaching force; we need the help of all our Baptist people in our Sunday school work, we need the regular attendance of all our unsaved men, women, and children, we need an occasional sermon from our pastor on the teaching function of the church, and we need that a distinctly spiritual atmosphere should pervade all our schools

There should be a union of purpose on the part of all our Baptist people to make the Sunday school a great soul-winning agency.

The Sunday schools of tomorrow should be greater in magnitude and results than the Sunday schools of today, and this desired end can be best attained by the hearty co-operation of all our people and efficient leadership.

We would urge upon all our membership the duty and importance of helping in the work, and especially would we invoke the aid of parents. The Sunday schools need THEM, and THEY need the Sunday schools, for they help the parents to solve their family problems and fill the vacuum in our public religious services, made by our custom of once-a-month preaching

We would press upon the teachers the necessity of equipping themselves for their God-given duty and privilege of teaching.

We would recommend the Bible as the chief text-book to be used in our Sunday schools, but we would recommend the lesson helps published by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention as aids in studying the Bible and in the preparation of the lessons. Respectfully.

W. S. Farthing, John Norris, Com.

W. S. Farthing said 185.000 in N. C. are enrolled in our Sunday schools, 160,000 are not; 80 per cent. of our church membership and 95 per cent of our preachers come from the S. S.

L. C. Wilson spoke, particularly of the necessity of Church members being in Sunday school.

John Norris spoke on the same line.

The Moderator said- The great purpose of the S. S. is the Church meeting to worship and teach the Word.

The report on Sunday schools was adopted.

Will H. McGuire read the Report on

We find from the letters from 35 churches that during last year we had 198 baptisms; received by letter 93; restored 27. Lost by letter 108; excluded 48; deaths 37. Membership: males 1,612, females 2,187, total membership 3,799.

Contributions to the various objects are as follows:

Pastors' Salaries $1,851.18; Building and Repairs $408.45; Incidentals $77.25; Sunday school expenses $247.09; Poor $87.87; State Missions $129.20; Home Missions $88.64; Foreign Missions $353.22; Orphanage $286.66; Ministerial Relief $17.31; Other Objects $262.91; Value of Church Property $19,810; Minutes and Clerk $32.18; Education, (Training School,) $9.97.

Three churches not represented.

Beech Mountain, Bethany, Brushy Fork, and Zionville churches ask for the next session of the Association.

Will H. McGuire, W. Y. Perry, Com.

Millard Hagaman read the Report on

EDUCATION.

Our educational facilities are growing and becoming more efficient.

Opportunities of an education are now within reach of every young man, woman, and child.

With the increase of educational interest has grown the necessity.

Our life as a denomination in the affairs of the Kingdom depends upon the intelligence of our individual membership. Herein lies our strength. A leader, though efficient, can never develop to large things, an uninformed and ignorant people.

The man who denies his child the opportunities of an education today, to a very large extent, closes the door of opportunity in the face of that child.

Whether we will or not, the necessity is upon us as a denomination. Each Baptist should see to it that in the education of his child and especially the young men and women, as they select a school for their higher training, shall have interwoven with it wholesome religious training, and that the school shall stand four-square upon sound religious principles; otherwise, instead of a strong healthful religious character to go out to be a leader in public thought and work, who shall bless his community; a weakling, morally and religiously whose breath of scepticism may poison the very atmosphere about him.

We advise that each Baptist select well the higher institution of learning to which he intrusts the education of his child.

Respectfully submitted,

Millard Hagaman, Com.

W. Y. Perry spoke to the report, especially for christian education.

L. C. Wilson read some of his views with reference to proper reading matter in our education.

John McBride continued the discussion with reference to the importance of education in Baptist schools.

W. S. Farthing continued along the same line.

C. S. Farthing and John Norris spoke briefly.

D. O. Ray of Caldwell Co association said refuse to send, or allow your child to go to schools not sound in doctrine.

The Mod. spoke at length on the subject of Denominational Education. The Report is adopted.

A song while the spectators retired from the house to hear a sermon by J. F. Eller.

As arranged in the program for the association—Talks of one minute from a messenger from each church in answer to the question "Is the spirit of Christian giving growing in your church"?

The roll of churches was called and messengers responded. Most of whom reported progress, a few do not.

The moderator closed the talk by giving the New Testament plan of giving, "Lay by in store on the first day of the week" etc. Said the reason this is not observed is that members of the church have set their feet on this and said, virtually, I will not.

The Colporteur, J. J. L. Sherwood, submitted a verbal report as follows: Sold about $15 worth of books. All money turned over to me by the Association is in the Watauga County Bank, except what is in books. Report is received and approved.

L. W. Farthing moved that J. J. L. Sherwood be continued as Colporteur next year. Motion carried.

Thos. Vandyke read the following Report on

FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance reports as follows:

Received for	Minute Fund	$ 32.23
"	State Missions	27.73
"	Home Missions	22.39
"	Foreign Missions	36.93
"	T. L. Blalock	19.07
"	Baptist Orphanage	52.31
	Total,	$190.66

Wm. Elrod, W. T. Vandyke, Com.

Report is adopted.

Those who attended other associations reported as follows:

L. C. Wilson attended Caldwell County Association;

J. M. Payne " Stony Fork Association.

W. S. Farthing submits the Report on

NOMINATIONS.

Your committee on Nominations would recommend the following Correspondents:

To Ashe Association,—Alex. Hagaman, J. F. Eller, L. A. Wilson.

Table I. Statistical.

CHURCHES	PASTORS.	P. O.	CLERKS & P. O.	Time of Preaching.	Value of Ch. Property.	Received by Baptism	By Letter.	By Restoration.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	No. of Males.	No. Females.	Total Membership.
Antioch	W. Swift,	Reese, N.C.	W.J.Farthing, Wat. Falls.	1	1000	6	1	0	4	0	1	67	81	148
Bethel	J H Farthing,	Sweet Water, "	W S Farthing, Sweet Water.	4	400	14	1	2	1		1	66	81	147
Beaver Dam	"	"	John Sherrill, Reese, N.C.	1	500	5	3		2	2	2	60	81	141
Bethany	G W Trivett,	Vilas,	J L Triplett, Matney, "	3	500	9			1	3		31	27	58
Beech Mtn.	R L Palmer,	Beech Creek,	H J McGuire, Whaley,	1	500	23		6	2	5	2	91	111	202
Boone	J M Payne,	Boone,	W R Gragg, Boone,	2&4	300	3	11		4			51	51	102
Blowing Rock,	J M Payne,	Boone,	W C Craig, Blowing Rock,	3	1200	3	1		3	1		45	62	107
Brushy Fork	J M Payne,	Boone,	J H Presnell, Vilas,	2	1000	9	6	3	4	2	3	70	82	152
Cove Creek	J M Payne,	Boone,	D C Mast, Sugar Grove	3	1000				2			41	63	104
Cool Springs	J F Eller,	Vilas,	Q B Cannon, Blowing Rock	4	500	15	4		2			54	64	118
Clarks Creek	C S Farthing,	Sugar Grove,	Joel Eggers, Banner Elk	1	350							13	23	36
*Elk Valley			W L Laurance, Hale	1	700							68	42	110
Elk Knob	W H Mikeal,	Trade, Tenn.	J M South, Tamarack	1	400	8	2			2		40	53	93
Fall Creek	R L Palmer,	Beech Creek, N. C.	W B Norris, Hale	2	300	1	4		4			22	18	40
Forest Grove	L A Wilson,	Zionville,	Millard Hagaman, Vilas	3	700				2	3	1	60	91	151
Flat Springs	D A Greene,	Dark Ridge,	A I Greene, Dark Ridge	4		12	5		2			38	35	73
Gap Creek	Asa Brown,	McGuire,	G A Hopkins, Hopkins	1	550	1		1	5	2		30	53	83
Howards Creek	E M Gragg,	Vilas,	E J Norris, Sands	4	500					1	1	17	46	63
Laurel Springs	L A Wilson,	Zionville,	H L Greene, Hopkins	4	800	17	1	2	1		2	73	110	183
Laurel Knob	C S Farthing,	Sugar Grove,	G S Holman, Baldwin	2	500	19	13				2	20	29	49
Meat Camp	I C Miller,	Stony Fork,	L A Greene, Sands	1	750	5	1	2	8	2	1	51	86	137
Mt. Calvary			E F Chapel, Balm	2	800							37	61	98
Mt. Gillead	J F Eller,	Vilas,	R L Phillips, Beech Creek	3	1500	5	4	1		3	4	35	50	85
Mt. Lebanon	J F Eller,	Vilas,	H M Bumgarner, Vilas	2	850				5	1	2	30	54	84

Middle Fork	L C Wilson,	Sweet Water,	A J Shull,	Blowing Rock	2	800	8	5	1	2		1	41	47	88
Pleasant Grove	L A Wilson,	Zionville,	J R Isaacs,	Mabel	4	400	6	9	1	7	4	1	67	122	189
Pleasant Valley	John Norris,	Sugar Grove,	W L Hagie,	Elk Park	4	250	12	2	1		2	2	60	82	142
Rich Mountain	W Swift,	Reese,	L E Beach,	Zionville	2	400				7	8		25	37	62
South Fork	J M Payne,	Boone,	W H McGuire,	Brookside	4	1000				4		2	49	71	120
Shulls Mills	B F Wilcox,	Shulls Mills,	J M Day,	Shulls Mills	4	500	1	3					13	18	31
Sampson			S E Harrison,	Penley	3								32	37	69
Stony Fork	I C Miller,	Stony Fork,	A A Hamby,	Stony Fork	2	1000	1			6		1	102	92	194
Three Forks	I C Miller,	Stony Fork,	J C Brown,	Boone	3	400		2		5	1	1	44	67	111
Timb'rd Ridge	J F Eller,	Vilas,	Wade Greene,	Peoria	1	560	2	1				2	25	42	67
Union	G W Trivett,	Sugar Grove,	A J Greene,	Mabel	1	600	6	2	2	5		2	58	90	148
Willow Dale	J J L Sherwood,	Vilas,	W E Dugger,	Vilas	4	200	10	8	1	2	3	1	32	39	71
Zionville	J J L Sherwood,	"	R S Roten,	Zionville	2	800	8	1	2	17	2	2	58	86	144
Zion Hill	G W Trivett,	Sugar Grove,	E F Tester,	Rominger	2	800	1	1	2	1	1		33	43	76

To Avery Co. Association—D. A. Greene, G. W. Trivett, L. W. Farthing, John Norris.

To Caldwell Co. Asso.—J. M. Payne, J. H. Farthing, L. C. Miller, L. Wilson.

To Catawba River Asso.—J. J. L. Sherwood, John Carlton.

To Mitchell Co. Asso.—Wellington Swift, L. C. Wilson.

To Stony Fork Asso.—C. S. Farthing, Wm. Elrod, J. F. Eller, S. L. Fox, E. M. Gragg.

To Watauga Asso.—J. H. Farthing, Geo. Roten, C. S. Farthing, J. J. T. Reese, R. C. Eggers, J. J. L. Sherwood, W. S. Farthing.

To Southern Baptist Convention— W. C. Coffey.

To Baptist State Convention—L. C. Wilson, J. M. Payne, Smith Hagaman, D. F. Horton.

Member of State Mission Board—D. D. Dougherty.

Associational Vice Pres. Foreign Mission Board,- Smith Hagaman.

Sunday school Secretary for Three Forks Association, W. Y. Perry.

Executive Committee—D. C. Mast, Smith Hagaman, L. N. Perkins, Will H. McGuire, W. C. Coffey.

W. S. Farthing, W. H. Eller, H. H. Greene, Com.

On motion the name of W. S. Farthing was added to the list of Correspondents to Watauga association, also, David Horton to the the State Convention.

Geo. Roten read the following

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolved 1st That this body take into consideration the propriety of dropping off one day of the Association.

Resolved 2nd That the sincere thanks of this body be extended to the brethren, sisters, and friends of Meat Camp church and surrounding vicinity for their hospitality and kindness manifested toward us during this session.

Resolved 3rd That we tender the gratitude of this body to all the visiting brethren for the respect they have shown this body.

Respectfully submitted. Geo. Roten. Ira Duncan, Com.

W. S. Farthing moved to strike out the first resolution. After a discussion by a number of the brethren, pro and con, W. T. Vandyke moved to amend by referring this Resolution to the churches for their consideration and expression at next Association.

The matter was so referred.

L. C. Wilson of the Com. on Queries states that no matter for consideration has been brought to their notice.

The Moderator announced the standing Committees for next year a list of which appears in another part of these Minutes.

J. H. Farthing moved that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and that he be allowed the usual fee, ($7.50) for his services.

W. Y. Perry moved that the Association adjourn to time and place.

After some remarks the Mod requests the association to stand and sing How firm a foundation, &c. and that all present extend to each

other the parting hand. Prayer was offered by John Crisp leading.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow" was sung, after which the Moderator announced the benediction.

At 12: 30 the Association adjourned.

J. J. L. SHERWOOD, MOD.

SMITH HAGAMAN, CLERK.

OFFICERS of the ASSOCIATION.

Moderator,	J. J. L. Sherwood,	Vilas, N. C.
Clerk,	Smith Hagaman,	Vilas, N. C.
Historian,	J. C. Horton,	Boone, N. C.
Colporteur,	J. J. L. Sherwood,	Vilas, N. C.
Treasurer,	W. Y. Perry,	Vilas, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTE.

D. C. Mast, Smith Hagaman, Will H. McGuire, L. N. Perkins, W. C. Coffey.

Associational Vice President Foreign Mission Board: Smith Hagaman.

Sunday School Secretary, Three Forks Asso.–W. Y. Perry, Vilas.

Standing Committees.

Foreign Missions,—Smith Hagaman, John Sherrill.
Home Missions,—J. M. Payne, Millard Hagaman.
State Missions,—G. P. Sherrill, R. S. Roten.
Education,—C. S. Farthing, Alex. Hagaman.
Pastoral Support,—W. S. Farthing, Will H. McGuire.
Temperance,—Wm. Elrod, W. Y. Perry.
Orphanage,—E. J. Norris, E. J. Farthing.
Sunday schools,—George Roten, John Eller.
Books and Periodicals,—Roby Eggers, John McBride.
Ministerial Relief,—Alex. Wilson, L. W. Farthing.
Resolutions,—W. T. Vandyke, Larkin Hayes.
Order of Business,—Smith Hagaman, W. H. Miller.
State of Churches,—W. N. Howell, John Ward.
On Nominations,—L. C. Wilson, David Greene.
Digest of Letters,—L. N. Perkins, Chas. Mast.
Duties of Pastors to their Churches,—J. J. T. Reese, J. H. Farthing and John Norris.

FINANCIAL TABLE. CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary.	Building & Repairs	Incidentals.	S. S. Expenses	The Poor.	Minute Fund	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Relief.	Other Objects.	Total.
Antioch	48.00	00.00	00.00	4.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	00.00	1.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	57.00
Bethel	54.35		1.65	7.64	4.55	1.50	14.03	14.04	22.81	12.06	1.00	12.75	146.38
Beaver Dam	75.00		15.00	10.00		1.00	12.94		132.94	19.86	3.30		253.38
Bethany	34.35	1.30		3.50		.50		.50	2.65	2.65			43.45
Beech Mtn.	39.66			2.76		1.30			3.52				47.24
Boone	175.00			51.08		1.50	20.52		7.88	64.64	3.93		428.81
Blowing Rock,	100.00	10.42		25.00	2.16	1.10	1.73			10.28			178.54
Brushy Fork	93.80		4.00	6.00	15.00	1.27	1.00		14.81	5.20		6.11	139.19
Cove Creek	100.00		2.35	13.00	11.76	1.00	3.75	5.45	44.50	23.00	1.50		206.31
Cool Springs	100.00			5.00		1.25			6.00	7.28		16.00	135.53
Clarks Creek						.40				1.10			1.50
Elk Knob	25.25					.80				3.00			29.05
Fall Creek	20.35					.50				2.65		10.00	33.50
Forest Grove	85.53	2.70	1.10	11.28		1.00	16.94	16.95	34.37	28.00		8.70	206.56
Flat Springs	27.79	45.29		3.10		.50		2.91					79.59
Gap Creek	26.70			2.06		.85			1.93			11.94	43.48
Howards Creek	40.00			1.50		.75						8.00	50.25
Laurel Springs	62.93	1 50		2.40		1.30	4.00	4.00	4.00	9.00		27.00	116.13
Laurel Knob	20 00	60 00		4.28		1 00	1.00	1 00	1 00	1.00			89.28
Meat Camp	47 00			5.68		1 00	1 54	1 54		4 86			61 62
Mt. Gillead	36 00	200.00		1 50		75	1 16	1 16	2 31	4 12		6 00	153 50
Mt. Lebanon	38 55			3 75	9 50	50			1 41	.30			54 01

Middle Fork	100.65	9.20	11.27	6.52		1.00	5.00	4.00	6.00	7.40		21.82	172.86
Pleasant Grove	84 34	6.80	13.88	14.22	7.04	.76	5.88	2.48	2.48	8.68	6.04		171.00
Pleasant Valley	32.81	50.00		5.00	1.75	1.00		9.15		2.60			100.56
Rich Mountain	16.00			4.00		.70			3.00	2.00			25.70
South Fork	31.00			1.80		1.00				2.25			36.25
Shulls Mills	4.11	1.15		4.81		.55	1.46			2.66		5.01	19.75
Stony Fork	40.00	.60		4.00	2.36	1.05	1.12	1.12	1.12	2.27		13.57	63.15
Three Forks	58.00		10.00	3.00	10.00	1.30	8.35	8.35	8.30	12.14		8.32	127.76
Timb'rd Ridge	52.66	11.00		11.02		1.00	10.60	3.55	4.73	24.24	1.54	13.70	134.04
Union	80.00	6.70	18.00	6.75		.85			4.53	7.00			123.78
Willow Dale	75.60	1.20		16.50	10.26	.50			10.00				104.06
Zionville	70.45			8.00	2.55	1.20			13.43	6.25		35.50	129.84
Zion Hill	16.25			2.00		.50			1.00	1.00			18.75

Ordained Ministers.

G. W. Trivett, Sugar Grove, N.C.
C. S. Farthing, " " "
I. C. Miller, Stony Fork, "
John Crisp, Lenoir, "
J. J. L. Sherwood, Vilas, "
S. L. Fox, " "
Wellington Swift, Reese, "
J. M. Payne, Boone, "
W. H. Mikeal, Sutherland, "
D. A. Greene, Whaley, "
Powell E, Herman, Shulls Mills, "
L. C. Wilson, Sugar Grove, N.C
John Norris, " " "
W. M. Cannon, Elk Park, "
J. H. Farthing, Sweet Water, "
I. J. McGinnis, Vilas, "
J. F. Eller, " "
James Bradshaw, Blowing Rk "
L. A. Wilson, Zionville, "
Asa Brown, Riverside, "
E. M. Gragg, Boone, "

Roll of Messengers.

Antioch, L. W. Farthing, E. M. Greer.
Bethel, H H Farthing, Alex. Hagaman, W S Farthing. 20
Beaver Dam, G P Sherrill, Lee Swift.
Bethany, J L Triplett.
Beech Mountain, G W McGuire.
Boone, C J Cottrell, W C Coffey, W L Bryan.
Blowing Rock, N L Edmisten.
Brushy Fork, J H Presnell, Jesse Greene, Jesse Brown.
Cove Creek, John McBride, W Y Perry, D C Mast.
Cool Springs, J W Pennell, Tipton Green, J B Cannon.
Clarks Creek, Joel Eggers.
Elk Knob, J M Vannoy, Roscoe Trivett, David Mikeal.
Fall Creek, M W Storie.
Forest Grove, Smith Hagaman, W E Roark, Millard Hagaman.
Flat Springs, Letter.
Gap Creek, John Watson.
Howards Creek, John Robertson, Manley McBride, E J Norris
Laurel Springs, William Brown.
Laurel Knob, R A Stephens, G S Holman.
Meat Camp, H S Jones, T J Tugman, J H Greene.
Mt. Gillead, J G Cardwell.
Mt. Lebanon, H M Bumgarner.
Middle Fork, Wm Elrod, W A Greene, W T Vandyke.
Pleasant Grove, A L Wilson, A B Cullers, E H Perry.
Pleasant Valley, Letter.
Rich Mountain, A B Greene.
South Fork, J S Brown, Will H McGuire, I E Duncan.
Shulls Mills, J C Shull, J M Day.
Stony Fork, W S Greene, W H Miller, A A Hamby.
Three Forks, L N Perkins, J C Brown.
Timbered Ridge, W H Eller, H H Greene, Carrol Greene.
Union, Solomon Eggers, J F Oliver, Henry Norris.
Willow Dale, W J Mast, John Norris.
Zionville, R C Eggers, Geo Roten, Linney Greene.
Zion Hill, Letter.

Appendix— Woman's Work.

Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union,
Aug. 26, 1914, 2 P. M.

Song: Nearer my God to Thee.

1 Devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Boldin.

2 Chain of prayers for the Missionary Societies of Three Forks association, led by Mrs. D. F. Horton.

3 No. of members present from different Societies:
Cove Creek M. Society, 5; Boone M. S., 4; Blowing Rock M. S. 1.

4 Committee of five appointed to nominate officers for the coming year.

5 Reports from Societies read and approved.

6 A very interesting paper on "How Missionary Societies can help our Churches," was read by Mrs. Boldin.

7 Reading Our Personal Service by Mrs. D. F. Horton.

Short discussions on following subjects:

1 How to make the Societies interesting, so we may have good attendance.

2 Does personal service increase the Spirituality of our churches?

3 The duty of the Woman's Missionary Union to our children and young people.

4 Methods of advancing our work in the country.

8 Report of Nominating Committee.

Officers elected for coming year:

Miss Rose Edna Brown, Pres.
Mrs. Richard Greene, Vice - Pres.
Miss Hattie Swift, Sec. & Treas.

Miss Brown, Pres.
Hattie Swift, Sec.

TABLE
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Church	Organization.	President.	Post Office	Number of Members.	State Missions	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Training School.	Other Objects
Boone	W. M. S.	Mrs B. J. Councill	Boone	25	30.00	0.00	10.00	7.97	58.85
"	Sunbeams	David Greene	"			7.44			
Blowing R'k	W. M. S.	Rose Edna Brown	Blowing Rock	21	5.00	7.50	5.50	2.00	12.30
"	Sunbeams	Myrtle Sudderth	"			5.00			1.50
Cove Creek	W. M. S.	Sue Horton	Vilas	15			23 75		

Sunday School Table.

CHURCHES	SUPTS.	POST OFFICE	SECRETARY	P. O.	No. Schools	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils	Total Enrollment.	Church members in S. S.	Months open.	Baptisms from School.	School Expenses.	Missions.	Orphanage.	Other Objects	Total Contributions.
Antioch	W.J. Farthing,	Watauga Falls, NC	Luther Ward,	Wat. Falls N. C	1	6	62	68	00	12	1	4.00	0.00	00.00	00.00	4.00
Bethel	E J Farthing,	Sweet Water, "	Maud Farthing,	Sweet Water "	1	7	92	99	50	12	5	7.64	8.77	11.11	10.25	37.77
Beaver Dam	Geo. Reese,	Reese,	C F Moody,	Reese, "	1	10	100	110	40	12	4	10.00		15.66		25.66
Bethany	L J Mikael	Hackett	Carry Mikael	Hackett	1	6	42	48		12	9	3.50				3.50
Beech Mtn.	G W McGuire,	Dark Ridge	W C Church,	Dark Ridge	2	13				6		2.76				2.76
Boone	W R Gragg	Boone			1	7	90	97		12		24.22	5.86		21.00	51.08
Blowing Rock,	J W Hodges	Blowing Rock	Gladis Brown	Blowing R'k	1	9	87	96		12	3	25.00				25.00
Brushy Fork	J L Hayes	Vilas	Bessie Trivett	Vilas	1	5	75	80	20	12	2	6.00				6.00
Cove Creek	W F Sherwood	Sherwood	Mrs. W Y Perry	Vilas	1	9	90	99	40	12		13.00	4.90	3.92		21.82
Cool Springs	J W Presnell,	Blowing Rock	Virgie Cannon,	Blowing R'k	1	5	50	55	25	12		5.00		7.28		12.28
Clarks Creek	G W Byrd	Banner Elk	Hester Byrd	Banner Elk	2	3			15	12		.87				.87
Elk Knob	J M Vannoy	Ashland	Osia South	Tamarack	1	7		64	20	6		2.93				2.93
Fall Creek	M W Storie	Hale	Ethel Perlier	Whaley	1	5	50	55	22	6	1	.93		2.65		3.58
Forest Grove	A G Storie	Vilas	Roy Hagaman	Vilas	1	9	130	139		12		11.28		28.00		39.28
Flat Springs	Ervin Greene	Whaley	S M Greene	Whaley	1	6	50	56		9		3.10		.87		3.97
Gap Creek	G A Hopkins	Hopkins	H E Greene	Hopkins	1	6	80	86	21	6		2.06				2.06
Howards Creek	E J Norris	Sands	Ira Brown	Sands	1	5	55	60		8		1.50				1.50
Laurel Springs	N A Salmons, C.Hardin	Boone	E B Hardin	Rutherwood	1	6	71	77	21	6	1	2.40				2.40
Laurel Knob	G S Holman	Baldwin	Clay Worley	Baldwin	1	10	72	82	35	12		4.28				4.28
Meat Camp	W W Norris	Sands	Lenard Wilson	Zionville	2	10				12		5.68		4.69		10.37
Mt. Gillead	J C Jones	Beech Creek	Bonnie Younce	Beech Creek	1	6			35	8		1.50				1.50
Mt. Lebanon	A R Cook	Vilas	H M Bumgarner	Vilas	1	6	78	84	14	12		3.75				3.75

Middle Fork	Wm Elrod	Blowing Rock	A J Shull	Blowing R'k	1	7	67	74		12		6.52	15.00	7.40		28.92
Pleasant Grove	J R Isaacs	Mabel	E H Perry	Zionville	1	9				12		9.50			4.72	14.22
Pleasant Valley	W L Hagie	Elk Park	Ora Hagie	Elk Park	1	6	50	56	25	6		5.00				5.00
Rich Mountain	A B Greene	Zionville	L E Beach	Zionville	1	5	50	55	20	12		4.00				4.00
South Fork	J S Brown	Riverside	W H McGuire	Brookside	1	6	50	56		5		1.80		2.25		4.05
Shulls Mills	J M Day	Shulls Mills	Emma Brown	Shulls Mills	1	6	60	66		12		3.25		1.56		4.81
Stony Fork	R L Wagner	Stony Fork	R L Wooten	Stony Fork	1	11	85	96		6		4.00				4.00
Three Forks	L N Perkins	Boone	Bertha Greene	Horton	1	6	40	46	20	6		3.00		7.14		10.14
Timb'rd Ridge	W H Eller	Leander	Clara Greene	Leander	1	6	76	82	38	12	2	11.02		18.93		29.75
Union	A J Greene	Mabel	Sallie Warren	Mabel	1	8	100	108	60	12	4	6.75		7.00		13.75
Willow Dale	S L Fox	Vilas	Annie Dugger	Vilas	1	8	87	95		12		16.50			10.26	26.76
Zionville	R C Eggers	Zionville	H F Greene	Zionville	1	6	80	86	25	12		8.00				8.00
Zion Hill	E F Tester	Rominger	Henry Hagaman	Beech Creek	1	6			25	6		2.00				2.00

PLEASE READ THIS.

To the churches of the Three Forks Association:

It seems to me there ought to be a somewhat larger contribution for minutes.

This year there was $32.23 contributed for minutes. After the clerk is paid $7.50, which is little enough, it leaves only $24.73. After taking out $3.50 for the paper, and a like amount for postage to mail minutes, it leaves only $17.73 to pay for the work of putting into type, printing and putting together 800 copies of minutes of, usually 23 to 25 printed pages, including four tables this year, and they are likely to grow longer as the years go by and our work expands.

The printer ought to have at least $32 for the job, after the clerk and postage are paid, and that would be only 4 cents a copy to pay for his paper, ink, staples, and work.

With the present advanced prices on paper, no printer can afford, or be justified, to do the work for the present amount.

Feeling very grateful to our association for the patronage it has given me, I only call attention to this, feeling that our people will need only to be informed of the above so they may raise an amount sufficient to justify whoever may make the minutes henceforth.

Fraternally,

Will H. McGuire.